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Arrests made in Kasende killing of 2012

Blackburn Hamlet. Police say several men and women were taken into custody

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Ottawa police's major crime section made multiple arrests Thursday in relation to the 2012 drive-by killing of Levy Kasende.

Kasende, 22, was shot to death in a drive-by shooting in the early morning hours of Aug. 25, 2012, outside a townhouse at 2676 Innes Rd.

The shooting in the Blackburn Hamlet neighbourhood left some residents on edge.

One witness told Metro last August she heard three loud noises that sounded like gunshots and when she went outside, she said, she saw Kasende lying on the ground just outside her door.

Staff Sgt. Bruce Pirt wouldn't confirm the number of arrests but said several men and women from Ottawa were taken into custody.

He said all of them are known to police, and were expected to appear in court on Friday.

He added that murder-related charges are pending.

"It may not be over yet. As a result of police investigations, there may be more arrests coming down," said Pirt.

In January, police sought information from the public after releasing a photo of a 2004 Mazda MPV believed to be similar to a getaway vehicle belonging to two suspects. Police said they found the van "torched" in a field on Rockdale Road in Navan.

Two weeks ago, police also combed that same street to look for evidence. They were looking specifically for a firearm that may have been used in the shooting.

Police said last August that they believed the shooting was gang-related and said Kasende was known to them.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the major crime section at 613-236-1222 extension 5493 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS) or toll free at 1-800-222-8477.

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Charges

City pleads guilty in water-main case

The City of Ottawa has plead guilty to charges under the Ontario Water Resources Act.

The city and Coulatti Construction were facing multiple charges after sediment was discharged into Stillwater Creek during construction of a water main in 2012 in Kanata.

The city agreed to pay $93,750 in fines, while Coulatti paid $56,250. METRO

9mm handgun

Ottawa man faces gun charges

Ottawa police have charged a 30-year-old Ottawa man with gun charges.

Police seized a loaded nine mm handgun and ammunition from a residence on the 1800 block of Walkley Road Thursday.

Jose Ramon Rivas, was charged with multiple offences including possession of a firearm obtained by crime. METRO

Health & Fitness Day

Take a free dip in public pools

The City of Ottawa is offering free public swims on Saturday to celebrate Canada's first National Health and Fitness Day.

The free swims will take place at the François Dupuis Recreation Centre (1-3:30 p.m.), Lowertown Pool (1:30-3 p.m.), and Walter Baker Sports Centre (6:30-8p.m.)

All other city pools, except wave pools, are offering two-for-one admission for adult, public and family swims. METRO

Name. Ottawa's CFL team set to be the 'RedBlacks'

The name and logo of Ottawa's new Canadian Football League franchise will be unveiled next month, although it might not be a surprise.

The "Ottawa RedBlacks" name has already been registered with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO).

The name was filed May 21 and is intended for items such as clothing, footwear, jerseys and promotional items, according to the CIPO website.

Calls to the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG) were not returned Thursday.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Police. Jill Skinner named next deputy chief of OPS

The Ottawa Police Service has named Supt. Jill Skinner the next deputy chief of police.

Skinner, who joined the OPS as a constable in 1981, has led a series of divisions in her years with the force, including sexual assault and child abuse, west district patrol, and special operations. She has been superintendent for the emergency operations directorate since 2010. In a press release announcing her pending promotion, Chief Charles Bordeleau called Skinner a "strong and valued member" of the force, saying he looked forward to having her on the executive command.

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Sparks St. farmers' market wows crowd

Produce. Sparks Street official hopes to run market all summer

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Jo-Anne Just of Just Farms from Alexandria shows off produce with Kassaundra Hay at the Sparks Street farmers market on Thursday. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

The Sparks Street farmers' market was already drawing crowds at its launch Thursday, serving busy bankers and bureaucrats along the downtown pedestrian mall.

The market will operate throughout the summer, according to the mall's business improvement area organization (BIA) executive.

"We wanted locally grown produce," Sparks Street BIA executive director Les Gagne said of his search to find vendors throughout the winter. "We've gathered together a good variety and selection."

About eight vendors set up 100 feet of stalls selling tomatoes, asparagus, spring onions, kale and other leafy greens as well as local honey, sweets, bread and baked goods from Art Is In Bakery. The stalls spanned Sparks between Bank to O'Connor starting at 8:30 a.m.

"Other groups have registered for June," said Gagne who hopes to have a total of 15 vendors on the strip soon.

"It's a lot easier than going to the market for me. It's closer. I think the area could use more of this," said Maria Stajduhar as she carried loafs of bread and asparagus back to her office a few blocks away at the corner of O'Conner and Laurier streets.

"When you're busy and you only have a half hour to 45 minutes for lunch, if you can just go outside your workplace and find fresh produce, I think it will be something that a lot of people will welcome," said MP for Ottawa Centre Paul Dewar, admiring the produce as he headed to the hill. "Downtown there's a problem with what people call a 'food desert.' There isn't access to fresh produce," he added.

Most sustainable city. Ottawa tops the charts in Canada, third overall

A new survey from Corporate Knights Magazine ranked Ottawa as the most sustainable city in Canada.

The nation's capital came third out of 20 North American cities in a survey of 28 indicators studied by the Toronto-based media and investment research company.

"Ottawa ended up as the top performer (in Canada) due to a strong score on environmental quality," said Jeremy Runnallf, managing editor with Corporate Knights Magazine.

The survey examined five categories: environmental quality; economic security; governance and empowerment; infrastructure and energy, and social well being.

According to the survey, Ottawa maintains the greatest percentage of green space among 20 cities surveyed, and performed well on water quality and air pollution levels. Ottawa finished above Vancouver and Toronto, but fell short of Washington, D.C., and first-overall San Francisco.

ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO OTTAWA

Hutt murder trial. DNA of victim found in accused's home among red stains

A forensic officer testifying in Mark Hutt murder trial said Thursday multiple areas of fixed red staining found in his home tested positive for the accused's wife's DNA.

Sgt. Stephen Jones said the red stains contained blood from 33-year-old Donna Jones, whose body was found Dec. 6, 2009, inside the Barwell Avenue home she lived in with Hutt. The jury heard almost 40 per cent of her body was covered in third and fourth degree burns.

Areas in the home where Jones' blood was found include the side of the toilet and drawers on a main level bathroom, a Disney World file folder, a carpet in the master bedroom and a basement wall.

Sgt. Jones testified he found several areas of damage to the drywall throughout the home, including the basement. However, he agreed with defence counsel he could not date the damage.

The Crown prosecutor alleges Hutt scalded his wife with boiling water and left her to die 11 days later on a makeshift mattress in the basement. He has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.

The Crown is expected to close its case Friday with testimony from forensic pathologist, Dr. Christopher Milroy.

JOE LOFARO/METRO OTTAWA

Patrick and Sheri Leighton are suing a teacher and the Ottawa Catholic School Board over the death of their son, Eric, in 2011. JESSICA SMITH/METRO FILE

Eric Leighton's family to sue school board

Tragedy. Explosion caused by negligence, 'poorly designed' project: Lawsuit contends

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The family of Eric Leighton, the 18-year-old Ottawa high school student killed in an auto-shop explosion just more than two years ago, is suing a teacher at the school and the Ottawa Catholic School Board.

In a statement of claim filed May 23, Leighton's parents, sister and grandparents are listed as plaintiffs who are collectively seeking more than $400,000 in damages following the incident at Mother Teresa High School in Barrhaven.

The teen's teacher, Scott Michael Day, is listed as a defendant. On May 26, 2011, Leighton was cutting a 45-gallon steel drum for a barbecue project when it exploded in front of him. The barrel had previously contained peppermint oil and when the vapours inside ignited due to a spark, Leighton suffered "extensive head injuries, including multiple skull fractures and diffuse edema," the statement of claim said.

Multiple attempts were made to revive Leighton in hospital, but he succumbed to his injuries a few hours later. The lawsuit alleges the barbecue project was a "stand alone" assignment created by Day and was not part of the course curriculum, nor was it approved by the OCSB.

Quoted

"They knew or ought to have know that the barrels were dangerous."

The Leighton family's statement of claim

Day and the school board were negligent in allowing students to "work with unsafe products on a poorly designed and dangerous project," according to the statement of claim.

"They stored barrels at Mother Teresa High School when they knew or ought to have known that the barrels were dangerous, combustible and/or explosive," the statement alleged.

The plaintiffs claim damages from the loss of care, guidance and companionship as a result of Leighton's death. His mother, Sheri Leighton, was diagnosed with depression in November 2012 and has since been instructed not to return to work, according to the statement of claim. The lawsuit said she is undergoing psychological counselling. On Aug. 16, 2012, the OCSB pleaded guilty to three charges under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The board was fined $275,000.

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Sandra Oh. Actress to receive key to the city

Mayor Jim Watson will give Ottawa-born actress Sandra Oh the key to the city in a ceremony at city hall July 8.

"Sandra Oh has earned accolades as a talented actress who is dedicated to her craft and respected by both peers and critics alike," said Watson. "We are proud to call her Ottawa's own, and have her serve as a role model to aspiring performing artists in Ottawa and around the world."

Oh is best known for her role as Dr. Cristina Yang on the medical drama Grey's Anatomy, for which she's won a Golden Globe Award, a Screen Actors Guild Award and five Emmy nominations.

STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO

Sparks Street. Zipline idea flies again

Government bureaucrats may soon swing down Sparks Street on a zipline as plans move ahead for the project.

"We're just waiting for our final drawings in terms of the engineer designs. We've got our proposal finished," said Sparks Street BIA executive director Les Gagne, noting he will have the documents in hand by Friday and intends to get the zipline up and running this summer.

Gagne said he would submit the documents to the city for approval next week. If it gets the go-ahead from city hall, Flightlinez, which operates a similar zipline in Las Vegas that carries 400,000 excitement-seekers annually, will begin construction.

He added the idea has received round support from other business groups in the area. "Ottawa Tourism loves the idea for a lot of great reasons," Gagne said.

"People have a real appreciation for what this thing will mean for Sparks Street and the downtown core," he said. "Everybody that now knows about it says that that's going to be a really neat thing to have on the street."

GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Ottawa police investigate Lyon Street house fire

Triple threat. Third fire at vacant house in two years

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Police are investigating a Wednesday night fire that caused an estimated $150,000 damage to a disused house in Centretown.

Ottawa Fire Services responded to 292 Lyon St. N. around 10:16 Wednesday night after multiple reports of smoke coming from a second-floor window. Crews fought the fire from outside, and once it was extinguished, entered the building to search for possible occupants and finish finding hot spots.

There were no civilian injuries as a result of the fire. One firefighter suffered minor heat exhaustion, and was taken to hospital as a precaution, according to Ottawa Fire spokesman Marc Messier.

The building had been boarded up since another fire in March of 2012, but firefighters noted evidence that the building was not secure and an unknown number of people had been using it as shelter. They had also responded to a mattress fire outside the house in July 2011.

The fire started in a second-floor bedroom and is believed to have been accidental. Firefighters found a portable propane tank in the bedroom that appeared to have been used for cooking or heating purposes.

Workers who were reboarding the windows Thursday said they found a large number of many used needles inside, and a baseball bat and several knives. It was the fourth time they've been called for cleanup at this address. The property is registered to a numbered company, 6445781 Canada Inc.

A baseball bat, knives and several needles were found by crews cleaning up the disused house at 292 Lyon St. N., which suffered major fire damage Wednesday night. STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO

Chancy

Centretown Health Centre to petition against casino

The Centretown Community Health Centre (CCHC) plans to start an online petition against a new casino in Ottawa.

"We have seen a lot more dialogue and debate on the issue in Ottawa," said CCHC's board president Jeff Morrison. "We've seen some websites, we've seen some Facebook groups. I think we're starting to see residents get more engaged in the debate."

CCHC and other city health centres cite research that the availability of gaming is the No. 1 factor in people developing gambling addictions.

"The easier you make it for a person to access a casino, the more likely the chances of problem gambling and everything that goes associated with that, the physical, the mental, the financial hardships that are caused," Morrison said.

OLG spokesperson Tony Bitonti said the corporation contributes $40 million a year to provincial treatment, education and research into gambling addiction, more than any other jurisdiction.

"We don't want anyone with a gambling problem in our facilities, but we know that happens, and we address that problem and we address it head-on," he said.

STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO

Pivot Legal Society's staff lawyer Scott Bernstein, left, and Liberal Justice Critic Irwin Cotler, centre, speak at a demonstration in Ottawa Thursday, at which Pivot released its yearlong study, Throwing Away the Keys. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Low-income users, First Nations will bear brunt of harsh sentences: Report

Bill C-10. Yearlong study tallies human, social cost of mandatory minimum sentences for drug offences

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Harsh sentences for low-level drug traffickers in the Safe Streets and Communities Act will impact Ottawa's aboriginals and low-income users, said lawyers and advocates as they unveiled a new report Thursday.

"Criminalizing a disease is counter-productive," said Sean LeBlanc, chairperson of Ottawa's Drug User Advocacy League as the Pivot Legal Society released its yearlong study of the effect of new mandatory minimum sentences brought in by Bill C-10.

"It's not people getting arrested with large amounts, it's people being caught who are the middle man, and a lot of them are First Nations," said LeBlanc, citing findings in Pivot's Throwing Away the Keys: the human and social cost of mandatory minimum sentences.

LeBlanc called for new approaches to deal with substance abuse in Ottawa and nationwide, such as a safe-injection site and more rehabilitation programs.

With Pivot's staff lawyer Scott Bernstein he urged defence lawyers to challenge the constitutionality of the new laws.

The law does make exception for drug treatment courts for adult offenders "who have committed non-violent crimes that are linked to their addiction," said Julie Di Mambro, press secretary for Minister of Justice Rob Nicholson.

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Peregrine falcons flying high for Gatineau Park's 75th anniversary

Kids will soon stop and stare in awe at Orion the peregrine falcon, a great horned owl and other birds of prey being shown off in celebration of Gatineau Park's 75th anniversary Sunday.

"Specifically we're using the peregrine falcon as an emblem for this event because they've come back to nesting in the park," said Tanya Drapeau, a biologist and education director for falcon environmental services at the National Capital Commission.

The birds left the park three decades ago, but their numbers have been on the rise ever since the ban of the toxic pest-control chemical DDT, said Louis-Rene Senechal, a spokesperson for the NCC and Gatineau Park. He noted there are now three nesting pairs thanks to the conservation efforts of park staff.

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Spanning 38,000 hectares of land and just a 10-minute drive from downtown Ottawa, the park was formed in 1938 and is the only national park not listed as a federal park partly because of William Lyon Mackenzie King's efforts to protect an estate he owned there.

Since the park is so close to heavy populations in Ottawa and Gatineau, it gets used as a destination for hikers, cross-country skiers, cyclists and nature lovers of all stripes.

On Sunday, special tours and hikes, along with a look at the birds, will be launched from the Gatineau Park Visitor Centre in Chelsea, said Senechal.

Activities will include bird-watching groups and a trek with the sporty Oxygène Club on the Horizon Trail.

Kids can get up close to the Orion the falcon at the birds of prey demonstrations, to be held at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Gatineau Park Visitor Centre, 33 Scott Rd., Chelsea.

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Addicted to profits. Big Tobacco loses bid to have $50B case thrown out

Several big foreign tobacco companies have lost a bid to have a $50-billion lawsuit by the Ontario government thrown out of court.

Ontario's Court of Appeal has refused their request.

The three-judge panel unanimously said it sees no legal reason to overturn a lower-court ruling that the case should proceed.

Ontario launched a lawsuit against 14 tobacco companies in September 2009 to try to recoup past and present health-care costs related to smoking.

The province claims the corporations should be on the hook for billions of dollars because they misrepresented the risks of smoking, did not take steps to reduce the effects and marketed cigarettes toward teens. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Expensive habit

The Ontario government says smoking is the leading cause of premature deaths and illness in the province and costs the health-care system $1.6 billion a year. Every province except Nova Scotia has filed similar lawsuits.

Tainted by deficit

S&P affirms Ont. credit rating

Standard and Poor's Ratings Services has affirmed its credit ratings for the Province of Ontario, including its "AA-" long-term and "A-1+" short-term issuer ratings.

The debt-rating agency said the province continues to have a large, wealthy and well-diversified economy, though it still faces a deficit.

Standard and Poor's had cut its outlook for Ontario last year from "stable" to "negative." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Municipalities to have more say in green projects

Ontario Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli speaks with Energate employee Scott McKenzie in this April photo. Chiarelli announced new measures Thursday intended to give municipalities a greater say in wind and solar projects in their backyards. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Progress or ploy? Critic calls changes forcing energy firms to work with governments 'an empty gesture'

Major changes to Ontario's rules on green-energy projects will give municipalities a greater say over the location of new wind and solar farms, and a chance to get a slice of the revenue, Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli said Thursday.

"There's a lot more incentive for municipalities to want to participate," said Chiarelli.

"They actually now can participate as joint-venture partner or a minority partner, and their participation creates a higher likelihood of the project being approved."

Proponents of large-scale green-energy developments will have to work with municipalities as part of a new competitive process before they can ask for approval from the Ontario Power Authority.

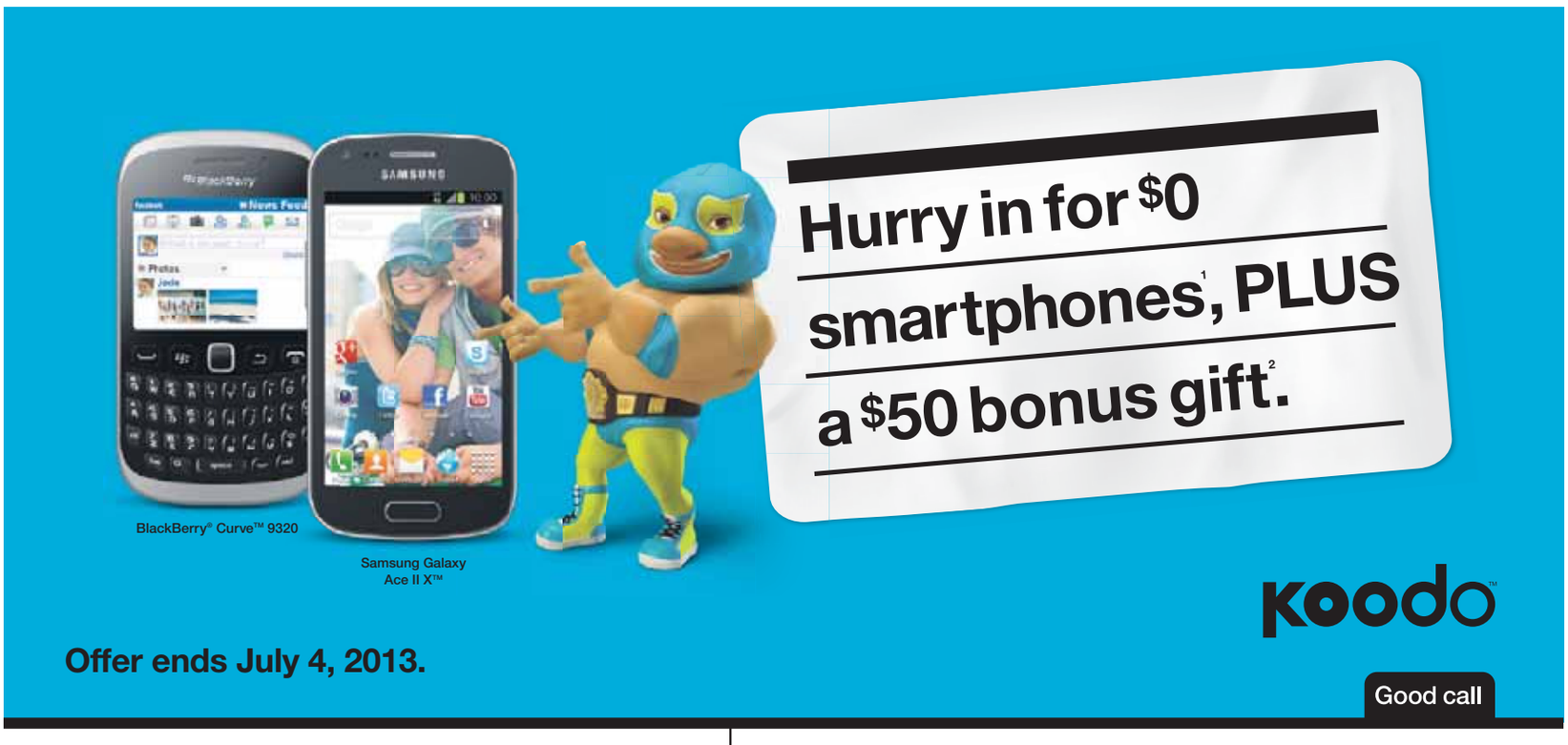
Those that actually partner with a municipality will be given top priority for approval, while those that don't get local participation stand little chance of getting the go-ahead, said Chiarelli.

"If they don't have a pre-arrangement with the municipality, they will go way down on the list and won't likely win the contract."

Critics pounced on the announcement as all show and no substance, because municipalities won't have the power to veto new energy projects.

"The Ontario government's announcement of changes to the renewable-energy program is an empty gesture," said Jane Wilson of Wind Concerns Ontario.

"Communities all over the province ... are not willing hosts to wind-power projects, and the real problems of health impacts and reduced property values." THE CANADIAN PRESS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Harper mum on dealing with scandal

Ottawa. PM has failed to address questions about how he directed staff to deal with expense issue last fall

Prime Minister Stephen Harper
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Prime Minister Stephen Harper is steadfastly refusing to acknowledge any question about his leadership during the months last winter when an expense scandal involving three of his Conservative Senate appointees was in the public eye.

Harper has spent the past three days insisting that he first learned that his chief of staff had helped pay off Sen. Mike Duffy's $90,000 in improper expense claims only after the public was told by CTV in mid-May.

But he has failed to address questions about how he instructed his staff to handle the expense revelations after they first aired late last fall.

Neither Harper nor his NDP and Liberal counterparts were in question period Thursday, so it fell to Heritage Minister James Moore to bear the brunt of the opposition onslaught.

"Duffy keeps the $90,000 while the Receiver General gets $90,000 from an illicit deal that was so wrong it cost Mr. Wright his job," said Liberal MP Ralph Goodale.

"Will the government repudiate the dirty money and instead garnishee Duffy's wages and seize his assets so he pays for his wrongdoing, not some dealmaker in the PMO?"

Harper faced more than 40 direct questions on the affair in the House of Commons this week but has not provided any information on who in his office was asked to handle the scandal, what instructions they were given, or why his chief of staff took it upon himself to give $90,000 to a senator accused of improper housing expense claims.

Duffy stopped co-operating with an independent audit of his expenses once the $90,000 was paid back. Conservatives in the Senate cited that repayment in declaring the matter closed shortly after receiving the audit.

Duffy and Sen. Pamela Wallin are no longer part of the Conservative caucus, along with Sen. Patrick Brazeau, another Harper appointee accused of improper expense claims.

Sen. Mac Harb has left the Liberal caucus while fighting what he says are unfair accusations that he too abused his Senate housing allowance.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Baird urges political solution to Syria violence

Reports of a Russian arms shipment to the Syrian regime and the rejection of peace talks by opposition groups raised fears Thursday that international efforts to bring an end to the civil war in Syria are at risk.

A political solution is the only way to end the violence, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird and his German counterpart stressed Thursday after bilateral talks in Ottawa.

Both men expressed concern over reports that Syrian President Bashar Assad received Russian anti-aircraft missiles.

"Syria has received the first shipment of Russian anti-aircraft S-300 rockets," Assad was quoted as saying, adding: "All our agreements with Russia will be implemented and parts of them have already been implemented."

Baird called the reports regrettable, if true, while German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle characterized the development as unappreciated.

The U.S. and Russia were to meet this week in Geneva to hash out a plan to get both sides together for peace talks, but the Syrian National Coalition, a major opposition group, suggested that for now there's no place for talks.

"The talk about the international conference and a political solution to the situation in Syria has no meaning in light of the massacres that are taking place," a spokesman for the Syrian National Coalition, Khalid Saleh, told reporters in Istanbul.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arms race

The concern with the influx of weapons isn't just about them making it into the wrong hands, but also the start of an arms race between opposition groups and the Assad government.

Biological information

Supreme Court won't hear woman's appeal to ID sperm donor

The Supreme Court of Canada will not hear an appeal from a woman who wanted to know the identity of her sperm-donor father.

Olivia Pratten sought to take her case to the high court after the British Columbia Court of Appeal threw out an earlier decision that sided with her.

She argued that offspring like herself should have access to information about their biological past, as is the case with people who are adopted.

The appeal court said she has no constitutional right to information about her biological father.

The court said providing such information would amount to state intrusion into the lives of many people.

As usual in such decisions, the Supreme Court gave no reasons for refusing to hear the appeal.
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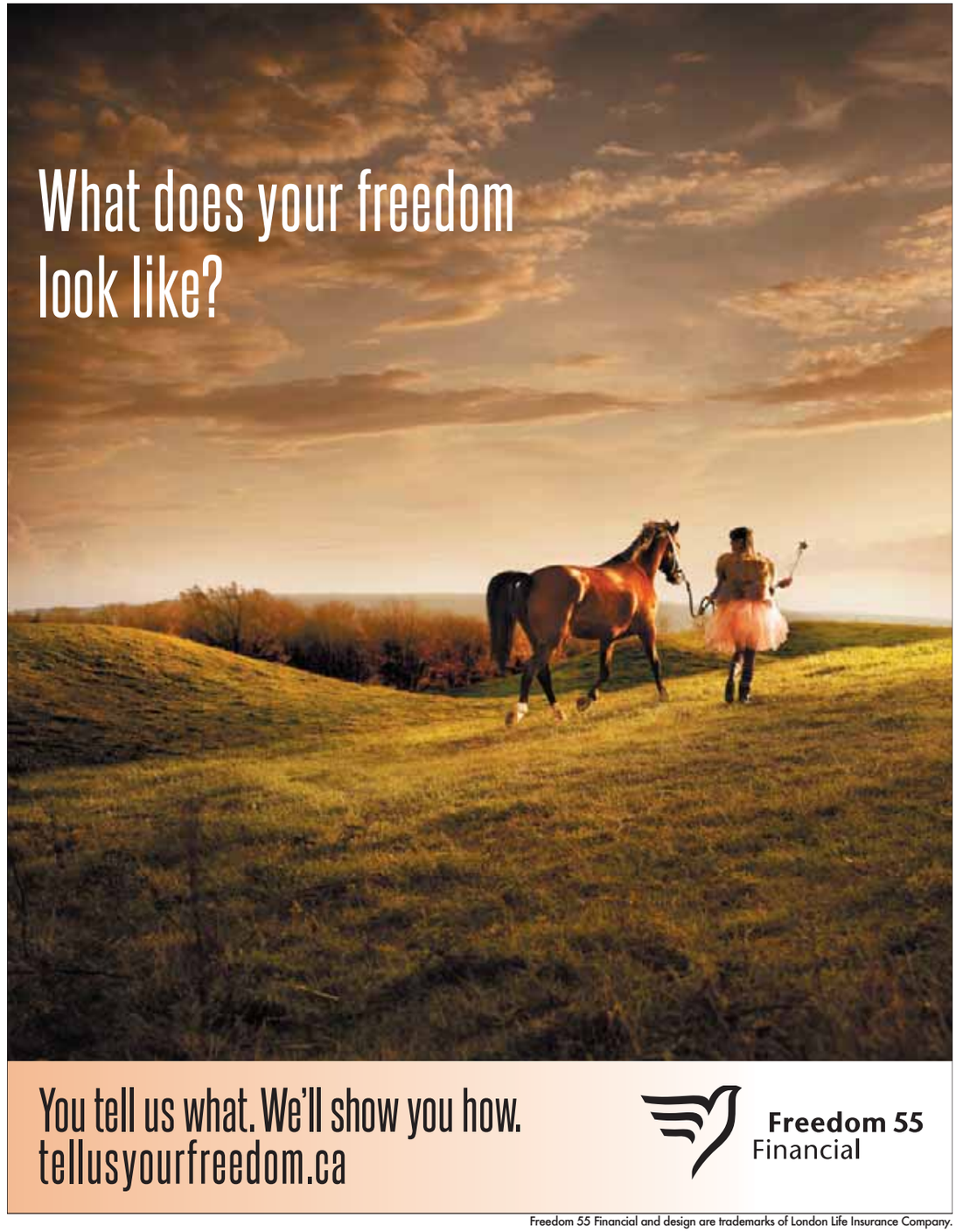

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Despite fresh allegations and loss of staff, Ford is 'doing fine'

Status d'oh. T.O. mayor keeps cool despite new reports he said he knew where alleged video was

Rob Ford brushed aside questions on Thursday about a new claim that he knew the whereabouts of an alleged crack cocaine video in another chaotic day that saw two more aides leave.

As the storm continued to rage, Toronto's defiant mayor said he's "not stepping aside."

Repeatedly asked about the allegations, Ford simply said: "Anything else? Anything else?"

That left his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, to denounce a Toronto Star report — which did not name its sources — that alleged the mayor told senior aides not to worry about the video purportedly showing him smoking crack because he knew where it was.

"This is the Toronto Star trying to keep the story alive," Coun. Ford said.

"In my opinion, we have a disgruntled employee, ex-employee I should say, that obviously is upset that's thrown these false accusations out."

Premier Kathleen Wynne expressed concern Toronto residents were losing confidence, saying Ford "needs to deal with his personal issues."

"The premier should take care of the problems she has at Queen's Park right now," Ford shot back. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nothing to see

"I'm running in the next election. Things are going great and we're doing fine."
Toronto Mayor Rob Ford

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has lost a total of five staff members since the scandal broke. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nabbed in Alberta

Second arrest in killing linked to the scandal

Police said a second arrest has been made in the March killing of a Toronto man believed to be seen with Ford in a photo linked to the crack scandal.

Police said Hanad Mohamed, 23, was arrested last week in Fort McMurray, Alta., in the death of Anthony Smith and was to appear in court in Toronto on Friday charged with first-degree murder.

Nisar Hashimi, 23, was arrested in April and also faces first-degree murder charges in Smith's death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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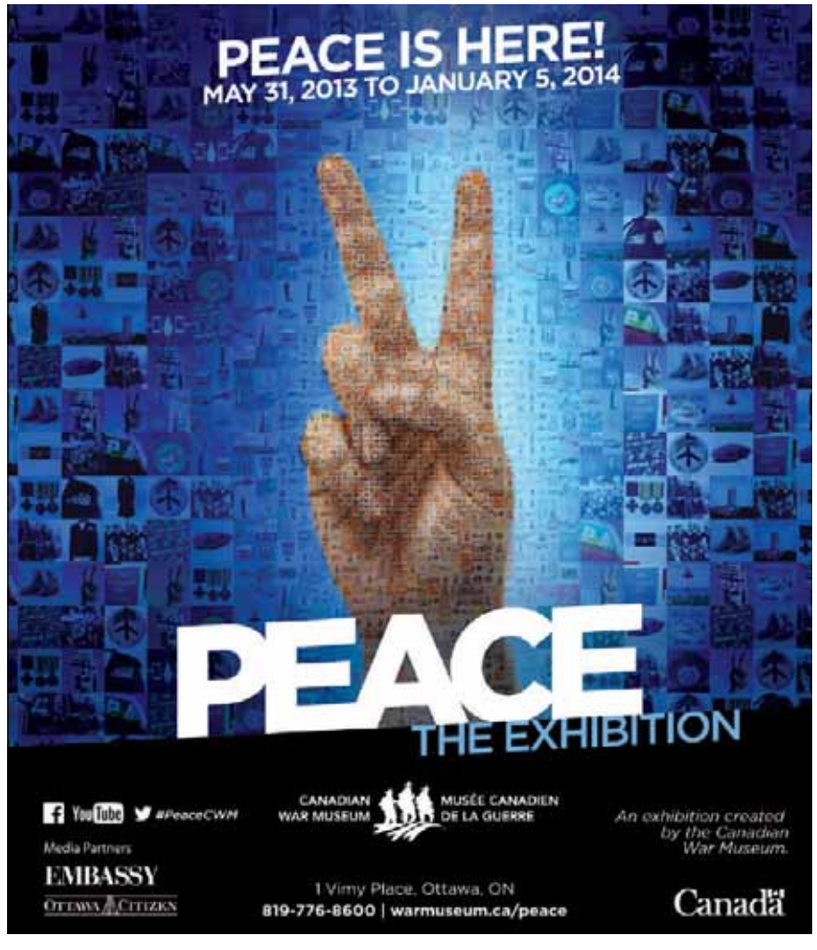

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Could you tell if Ford is fibbing?

A lesson in deception.
Expert describes how one might try to crack Toronto's crack scandal

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

Human beings make poor lie detectors — our gut feelings lead us astray, and we tend to rely on false stereotypes about shifty-eyed liars.

"Most people perform around the level of chance accuracy on a lie-detection task — the same accuracy as would be expected simply by flipping a coin," said Leanne ten Brinke, a postdoctoral fellow at UC Berkeley, in an email interview.

Ten Brinke studies deception. In her doctoral thesis at University of British Columbia Okanagan, she tested our ability to detect high-stakes lies — specifically, televised pleas for the safe return of a missing loved one, comparing genuine pleas to those of people later found to have killed the missing person.

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford
NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The genuine pleaders expressed sincere sadness on their faces and gave relatively long pleas, she said.

The liars had difficulty appearing genuinely sad; instead their faces showed subtle smiles and surprise.

"Because many of the muscles in our face are not under strong voluntary control, they could not bring their eyebrows upward and together, as occurs in genuine sadness. Instead their eyebrows only came upward — making them appear surprised," ten Brinke said.

Her best advice is to throw away stereotypes about liars — especially that they will look shifty or look in a certain direction when lying.

Instead, observers should look for inconsistencies in verbal, facial and body language behaviours and look for "leakages" of genuine emotion.

Asked about finding the truth in the ongoing Rob Ford crack video scandal, ten Brinke said her research can be a great tool for investigative reporters.

"If you notice some suspicious behaviour, you probably want to question the person further about that topic — they could be hiding something that you might be able to reveal."

Partners signing for mining

Chilean President Sebastian Pinera visits Parliament Hill on Thursday. During his stay, Chile and Canada signed a renewed partnership framework that included "a strong commitment to responsible resource development" and the exchange of expertise, "including research and development to reduce the environmental footprint of mining." Canadian mining operations abroad continue to attract opposition, particularly over environmental concerns. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lethbridge, Alta.

Three women charged in brawl at children's hockey game

Police in southern Alberta have charged three women after a fight at a children's hockey game earlier this year.

A police news release says officers were called to the Adams Ice Arena in Lethbridge in February about a disturbance involving several spectators.

A verbal exchange about obscene language being used around the youngsters led to one woman punching another, pulling her hair out and throwing her to the ground.

A third woman then kicked the victim.

Thirty-four-year-old Tania Lenni Day Chief, 54-year-old Theda Day Chief — both of Standoff, Alta. — and Tamara Margaret Day Chief, 24, of Glenwood, Alta., each face one count of assault.

They are to appear in court on June 19.

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Trip to Mars comes with radiation risks

Long voyage. Readings by U.S. rover find astronauts would face a raised cancer risk if they were to go to red planet

Astronauts travelling to and from Mars would be bombarded with as much cosmic radiation as they'd get from a full-body CT scan about once a week for a year, researchers reported Thursday.

That dose is enough to raise their cancer risk by about 3 per cent, but experts caution that there are many uncertainties about the space environment's effects on the body.

As plans for deep space exploration ramp up, radiation is a big concern — from high-energy galactic cosmic rays spewed by distant supernova explosions to sporadic bursts of charged particles hurled by the sun. Earth's magnetic field helps to deflect much of that harmful radiation.

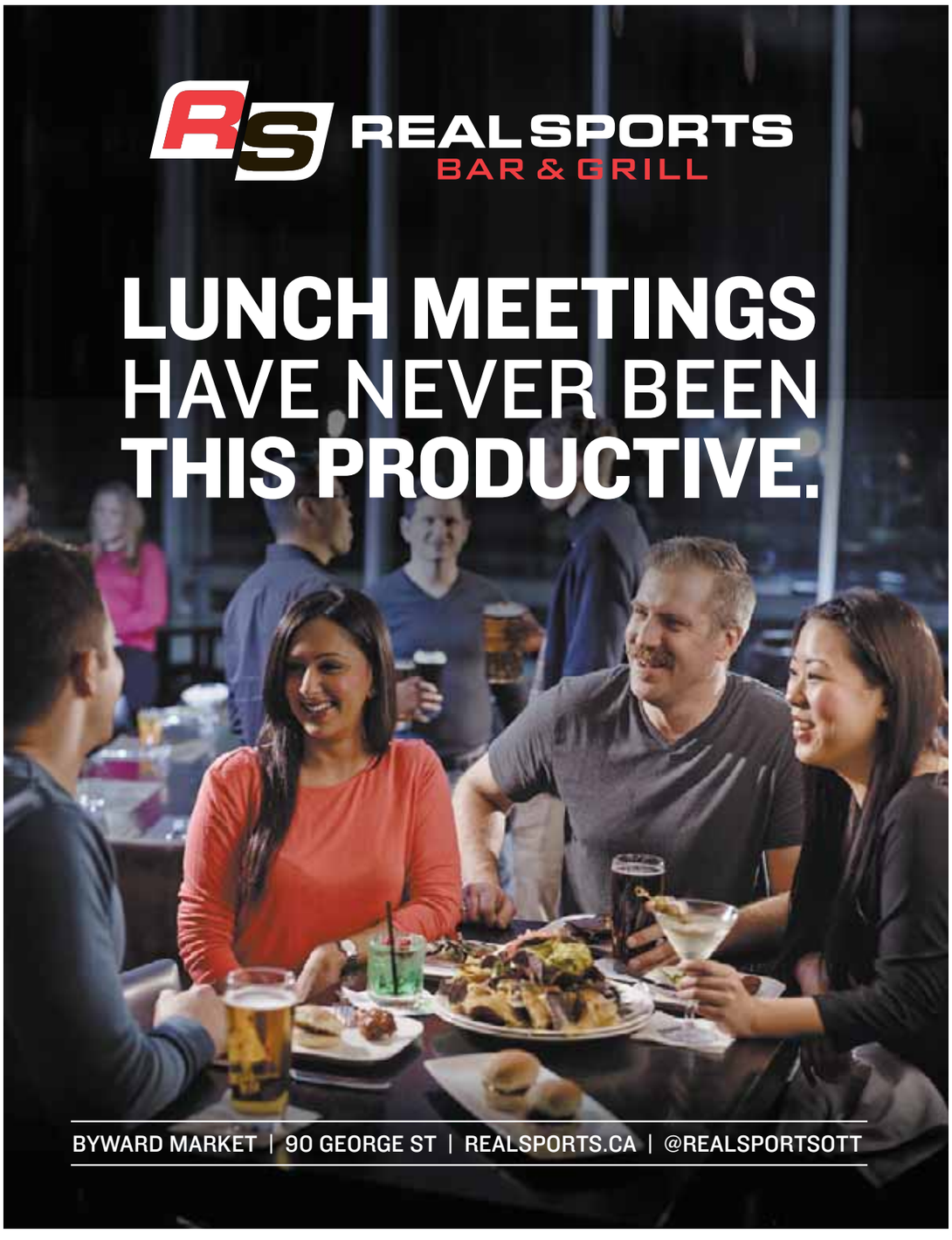
The U.S. space agency, NASA, aims to send a crew to orbit the red planet by the mid-2030s. Private outfits like Inspiration Mars — backed by NASA engineer-turned-space tourist Dennis Tito — are seeking volunteers for a Mars flight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"You want to get there as quickly as possible (to reduce radiation exposure)."

Don Hassler, scientist in charge of the radiation instrument aboard Curiosity

Astronauts travelling to and from Mars would be bombarded with cosmic radiation, say researchers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ NASA/FILE



Regina

Man tries to dry roof via blowtorch; sets condo on fire

A Regina man who was trying to dry out his roof with a blowtorch instead set his condo on fire.

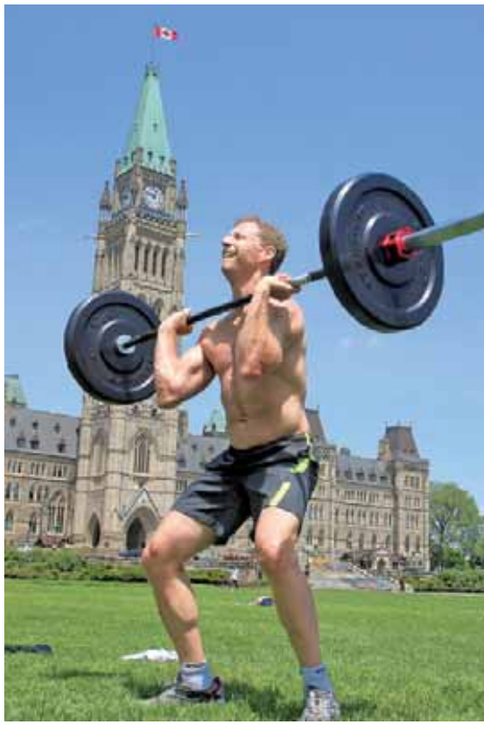
Fire officials say the man was trying to clear water from his eavestrough and decided to speed up the process.

Investigators have confirmed the blowtorch was the cause of the fire. GLOBAL REGINA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Greece

Lawmaker's gun accidentally fires at airport check-in

A Greek extreme far-right lawmaker who wanted to travel with his licensed handgun on a domestic flight drew unwanted attention after the firearm accidentally went off during check-in procedures Thursday. Police said nobody was hurt in the incident in a secluded area of Athens International Airport. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Power and politics

A man lifts weights during lunch hour on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa on Thursday. Canada's capital reached 28 C Thursday, and was expected to top 30 C on Friday. FRED CHARTRAND/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Actor dragged by car for iPhone

A Toronto actor faced a case of life imitating art Tuesday when he was the victim of a violent theft. Jeff Hanson, currently in a play about violence, was walking home when a car pulled up.

The driver asked to borrow his iPhone. After Hanson leaned into the window and handed him his phone, the man stepped on the gas. "I had a fight-or-flight reaction," recalled Hanson, who grabbed the inside of the car.

Soon the driver sped up towards a parked car. "I knew if I didn't let go, he was going to pin me between (the parked car and his vehicle) ... So I let go and started rolling," Hanson said.

Hanson, 29, is recovering in hospital with a mild concussion and deep bruises and cuts to his face and chest. Despite complications caused by blood between his skull and brain, he's expected to make a full recovery.

His face took the brunt of the damage, but he said plastic surgeons have assured him his actor's visage will be back to normal eventually.

"If not, you know, a few scars might make me look a little tougher," he said with a laugh. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jeff Hanson in hospital after Tuesday's incident. COURTESY OF JUNE MITTLER

Yasmin Nakhuda arrives at Durham Region Courthouse on Thursday. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Darwin's 'mom' in court to get him back

Ikea monkey trial.

Abuse allegations dropped as Toronto lawyer describes unusual bond with 'son'

A primate sanctuary is no longer alleging that the Ikea monkey was abused by the woman who calls herself his "mom," who wept in court Thursday as she described her bond with her "son."

Yasmin Nakhuda took her monkey, Darwin, everywhere, she testified. Nakhuda, a Toronto real-estate lawyer, took him to work, the gym, shopping, to a wedding, and brought him in the shower with her.

She took him to an Ikea store in December, locked his crate in her car and told him she would be right back. But Darwin escaped and ran around the parking lot. Toronto Animal Services scooped him up and sent him to Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary in Sunderland, Ont.

Nakhuda felt like she had lost her son, said the mother of two boys, ages 12 and 16. "I think when I had my two children I didn't have time to mother them — I was more focused on building my practice," Nakhuda said. "Having Darwin ... was like the chance to experience motherhood again."

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Suing for a reunion

Nakhuda has gone to court twice in unsuccessful bids to get Darwin back: At one of those hearings the sanctuary alleged she had abused the monkey by "strangling" him and hitting him with a spoon.

- At the outset of the trial Thursday, Kevin Toyne, the lawyer for the sanctuary, said it was withdrawing those allegations in the interest of keeping the trial short.

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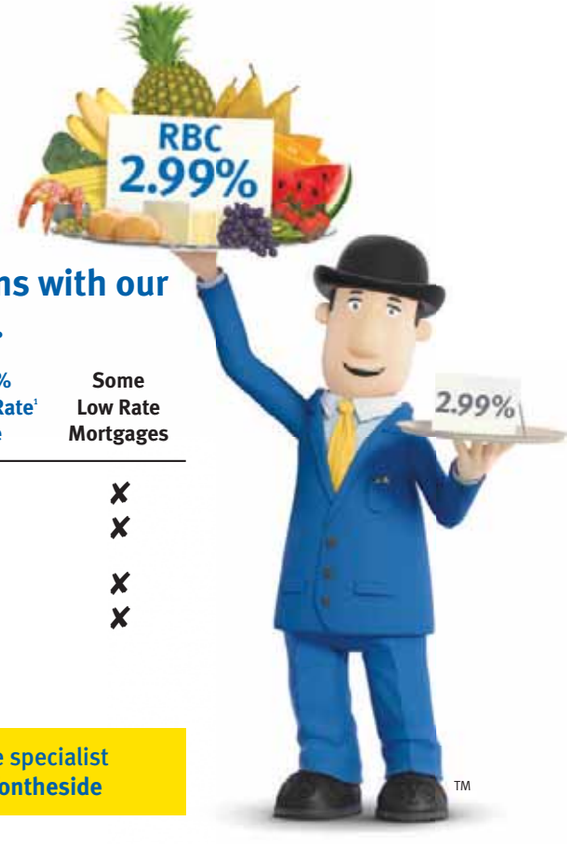

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China. Miracle boy rescued from sewer pipe released to grandparents

The mother of a Chinese baby boy who was rescued from a sewer pipe beneath a restroom shortly after birth is unlikely to face criminal charges because authorities concluded he fell into the toilet accidentally, local officials and media reports said Thursday.

The baby was released from a hospital to his maternal grandparents late Wednesday, while his mother, 22, remains under medical care. The infant was rescued from a pipe underneath a squat toilet in Zhejiang province. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An accident, say police

The mother raised the alarm about the baby when he got stuck Saturday in a pipe below a toilet in a restroom. But she had cleared away signs of a birth and did not immediately come forward as the mother.

The baby rescued after being trapped in a sewage pipe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tunisian Femen activist fined; more charges pending

Protesters at the courthouse in Kairouan, Tunisia. NAWFEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amina Sboui. Activist went into hiding due to death threats; now she's accused of writing 'Femen' on a cemetery wall

A court convicted the Tunisian member of the Ukrainian feminist group Femen Tuesday for carrying an "incendiary object" and fined her $182.

She remains in custody pending more serious charges.

Supportive dad

"I am proud of my daughter, who has honoured the rights of women." **Mounir Sboui, Amina's father,** who made the comment in an interview and was in court to support her

Amina Sboui, who posted topless photos of herself online as part of a women's-rights protest, attempted to carry out a new protest on May 19 in the religious centre of Kairouan. She was arrested and charged with carrying a canister of pepper spray.

Prosecutors on Thursday, however, said they are considering bringing more serious charges against her, including desecrating a cemetery and offending public decency, according to defence lawyer Mokhtar Jannene.

Sboui will appear in court again June 5.

Outside the court, about 200 protesters, including many religious conservatives, chanted slogans against Sboui, accusing her of attacking the city and insulting Islam. They also shouted insults at the defence lawyers and accused them of "sullying" the image of the city, a centre for religious pilgrimage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Brussels. EU wants to abolish roaming charges across bloc by next year

A top European Union official says mobile-phone-network operators should be forced to end charging customers for data roaming when travelling across the 27-nation bloc.

European Commission Vice-President Neelie Kroes told the European Parliament on Thursday the roaming fees should cease to exist by next year.

The Commission, the bloc's executive arm, has already cracked down on roaming charges for international cell-phone calls. It has also mandated lower maximum ceilings for data roaming costs, but bills for using the Internet on smartphones or tablets when travelling in Europe still rise quickly.

Kroes said abolishing data roaming fees will be another step to accomplishing the bloc's single market, saving citizens and companies money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Super Size Me. CEO dines at McDonald's 'every single day'

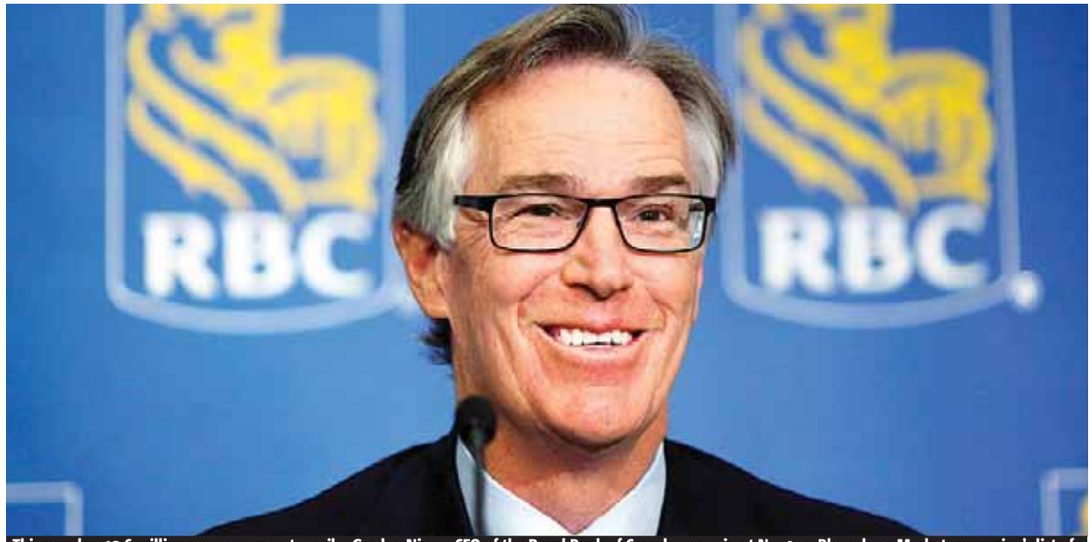
They might start calling it the McDiet. McDonald Corp.'s CEO Don Thompson revealed at an analyst conference this week that he shed about 20 pounds in the past year by getting his "butt up" and "working out again." But he said he hasn't changed his habit of eating at McDonald's "every, single day."

Thompson, who has been on the job for less than a year, was responding to a question about how the world's biggest hamburger chain is adapting amid growing concerns about obesity.

Thompson said that he lost the weight by getting active again. He noted that Europeans walk a lot and that it's rare to see Europeans that are "very, very heavy."

"And so I think that balance is really important to people," he said. Thompson did not provide any other details about his weight or diet. A representative for McDonald's did not immediately respond to a request for more details. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

McDonald's CEO Don Thompson, shown in 2010, says he's lost 20 pounds in the last year by working out — but he still eats at the Golden Arches daily. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



This man has 12.6 million reasons a year to smile: Gordon Nixon, CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, came in at No. 4 on Bloomberg Markets magazine's list of the highest-paid bankers in North America. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Who's in the money? Canada's bank CEOs

Executive pay. A list of the highest-paid bankers on the continent includes heads of 6 Canuck banks

Canadian bankers were among some of the highest-paid banking executives in North America last year, with three in the top 10, according to a new list compiled by Bloomberg Markets magazine.

In all, six Canadian bank CEOs were in the top 20, led by the Royal Bank of Canada's Gordon Nixon, who came in at No. 4. Nixon's total pay package was $12.6 million US in 2012 according to the listings, up 25 per cent from the year before, when he was in eighth place.

Bank of Nova Scotia's Richard Waugh was bumped down one spot to seventh place, with $11.1 million US, followed by TD Bank's Ed Clark, who was No. 8 on the list with $10.8 million US.

Clark's pay actually went down by almost five per cent from the year before, when he was at No. 5, as did that of three other Canadian bank CEOs on the list.

Gerald McCaughey, CEO of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, took home $9.3 million US, nearly eight per cent less than the year before. That was still good for 11th place, but down from ninth in 2011.

The Bank of Montreal's William Downe — No. 12 — took in $9.2 million US, seven per cent less than in 2011, when he ranked No. 10 on the list.

National Bank of Canada chief Louis Vachon rounded up the Canadian bankers on the list at No. 17 with $7.2 million US. That was 1.4 per cent less than he made in 2011, when he held the 14th spot.

But no Canadian bank CEO came even close to matching the salary of the list's top earner, Lloyd Blankfein, who was paid $26 million US in 2012 — a 73 per cent raise for his work in turning around the fortunes of Goldman Sachs.

The rankings are being published in the magazine's July 2013 issue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Most overpaid

- The Bloomberg Markets magazine rankings also put RBC's Gordon Nixon, Bank of Nova Scotia's Richard Waugh and TD Bank's Ed Clark among some of the most overpaid CEOs when comparing compensation to a bank's average assets, stock performance and return on equity.
- BMO's William Downe, CIBC's Gerald McCaughey and National Bank of Canada's Louis Vachon were amongst the most underpaid.

CAW-CEP merger

Private-sector mega-union to be called Unifor

Labour leaders say they've chosen a "modern, strong, innovative" name to unite workers in what will become Canada's largest private sector union, part of a branding effort they hope will help bolster their ranks.

The result of the merger of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada and the Canadian Auto Workers will be called Unifor, leaders announced Thursday at a news conference in Toronto. Its logo will be a white U on a red shield, a symbol of the "strength, protection and security" the union will provide, they said.

"That name and logo will become famous, why? Because you're going to see us on the picket line, you're going to see us in the street," CEP spokesman Gaetan Menard told the cheering crowd of union members. The new union will represent more than 300,000 workers across roughly 20 sectors of the economy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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1 **Rob Ford? Wasn't he the mayor of Toronto?**
He still is, maggot. But for how long? The rats are fleeing for the emergency exits — five personal staffers have bailed and the week's not over. Who's next? His barber? Meanwhile, the mayor keeps doing his bizarre tribute to the Black Knight from Monty Python and the Holy Grail, denying there's a video out there featuring him getting Ford-faced on crack. It's just a flesh wound!

2 **Moses' got nothing on this kid:**
Alone and afraid, a woman in China gave birth to a baby boy on the toilet. Apparently, baby slipped down the drain and the new mom called the Chinese equivalent of 911. Miraculously the infant was rescued from the sewer pipe. From where he's starting, everything going forward is good news.

3 **We're No. 3!**
The OECD (don't bother looking it up) has determined that Canada is the third-happiest nation on earth. No. 2 is Sweden, which is always in our face, and No. 1 is Australia. Throw another shrimp on the barbie! Criteria include work-life balance, income, housing, and something called the Mick Jagger Factor, or "satisfaction" for short. Canada gets the happiness bronze medal instead of the gold; after all, Rob Ford is still the mayor of Toronto. Just wait until next year, maggot.

4 **The rich get richer: 0**
Sure it's a cliché, but boy it's true. According to the World Bank, the world's richest eight per cent snag 50 per cent of the world's income. Here's one reason the Democratic Republic of the Congo did not place in the top 15 of the world's happiest nations: its per capita annual income is $231. Compare that to Monaco, where it's $171,465. If I were trying to make ends meet in the Congo, this news would not make me happy.

5 **Attack of the Killer Beaver:**
Here in the world's third-happiest country, the beaver is a symbol of cheerful industry and diligence, not to mention the nation's founding fur. In Belarus, the beaver is just another nasty rodent. Some guy tried to have his picture taken with one, which bit him, severing an artery in his leg. The poor guy bled out. Now Belarus is trying to figure out what to do about an increasing population of increasingly aggressive beavers. There are 80,000 beavers in Belarus. Who knew?

6 **Speaking of Biebers:**
Another iconic Canadian rodent was in the news this week, this time for racing around the 'hood in his hot car, scaring the neighbours and fuelling the paparazzi. Call in the Bieber-control officers. This kid is out of control.

ZOOM

Monk's best friend

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The Tiger Temple: Where monastery meets sanctuary

Under the cool shade of a tree, a Buddhist monk affectionately embraces a tiger. Elsewhere at the Tiger Temple in Kanchanaburi, Thailand, a young tiger was spotted happily playing around in a pool of water with a fascinating new toy. There are some 100 tigers at the temple that live alongside monks. Founded in 1994, the animal reserve is based at a Buddhist temple. The first cub arrived in 1999 after her mother was killed by poachers nearby. **METRO**

Critics: An illegal breeding facility

The attraction is a controversial one, as animal-rights groups claim it's an illegal breeding facility and that the tigers are not cared for properly. However, a three-day investigation by ABC News did not find any evidence of poor conditions. **METRO**

Quoted

"If you think they rescue abused tigers, or that the tigers will be released into the wild, they won't be."

Philip Mansbridge, CEO of animal welfare charity Care for the Wild

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Are you fed up with how useful and informative your Twitter feed is? You can easily take a few steps toward correcting that by following these accounts for a rich vein of occasionally bizarre, but always witty, wordplay.

@dogsdoingthings: I'm tempted to say the name says it all, but it barely scratches the surface of this account's vision of dogs engaged in impossibly high-concept activities, usually with a disdainful eye cast upon their alleged best friend (that would be us.)

@twortmanteaus: A portmanteau is the sometimes awkward collision of two words to make a new one. Think "brunch." For other examples, follow this character who spends the day RTing miscellaneous musings from tweeters, creating new words from their tossed off thoughts.

@datasplural: Puns tend to be a love or hate thing. If you hate them, you're wrong. If you love them, congratulations on your excellent taste and don't waste another second before following this champion of groan-inducement.

Comments

RE: More Staff Leave Mayor Rob Ford's office, published May 30

Re staff leaving...this doesn't make sense; when considering that fish rot from the head. So doesn't the solution goes without saying? **Lloyd A, posted to metronews.ca**

The only one that should be thrown out of city hall is Rob Ford!!! ASAP!!! The man is a disgrace to the city of Toronto. **punxie89, posted to metronews.ca**

Wait, so he actually admitted to there being a video, and even knowing where it was? If that's true, it's no wonder his staff members are fleeing. **Alison, posted to metronews.ca**

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Synopsis

In Will Smith's new sci-fi movie After Earth he stars as Cypher Raige, a general in the intergalactic peacekeeping organization Ranger Corps. After he is injured in a crash landing on Earth, a planet uninhabited for 1,000 years, his son (Jaden Smith) must navigate the unfamiliar landscape and battle new life forms to signal for help. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the highlights of Will Smith's career and how he left his throne as the prince of Bel-Air to become one of the world's biggest movie stars.

Will Jaden Smith follow in his famous father's footsteps? HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Why we love Will

After Earth. As Smith and son's new film opens this weekend, the Reel Guys reflect on the actor's journey from Fresh Prince to king of Hollywood

Richard: Mark, The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air proved that Will Smith has a flair for broad comedy, so it's surprising that over the years he's played so few funny roles. He's always charming and his films usually have the odd laugh, but rarely has he played it strictly for laughs. In 1993 the safe move for Smith would have been to make a comedy, instead he chose to play a con-man in the serious, talky Six Degrees of Separation. It's a heavyweight role, and he's really good in it. What's your favourite Will Smith role?

Mark: Will Smith must be the most likeable Hollywood star this side of Tom Hanks. I wish I could say I like all his movies, but I can't. I really like his more serious roles. My favourite? The Pursuit of Happyness. His character, based on a true story, is a man caught in desperate financial circumstances, who raises a young boy while homeless. The movie is ultimately uplifting as he becomes a successful stockbroker, but it's a harrowing journey, and Smith plays it to perfection.

RC: In 2008 he played two creatures that don't exist in real life, an alien with an anger management problem and an IRS tax collector with a conscience. Hancock has a dash of Men in Black's wonky humour, a glimpse of his action hero of Independence Day, and a taste of Enemy of the State's troubled paranoiac. Best of all there is absolutely nothing in there that echoes Wild Wild West. In Seven Pounds he's a taxman crushed by the weight of his emotions, a walking zombie who has given up on life. And he's terrific in both movies.

MB: Hancock didn't quite work for me, but Enemy of the State sure did. But I'm such a troubled paranoiac myself I might have liked anybody in the role. Smith is great in Seven Pounds, a weird picture by any standards. But if it's Will Smith as hero you're looking for, he's commanding in all 157 minutes of Ali. And he's suave and debonair in Hitch.

RC: We can't forget Men in Black. The sequels have been (profitable) disappointments, but Smith's Agent J is always fun.

MB: Now that I think of it, if Will Smith is in a movie I don't like, it's the movie I don't like, not Smith. And that includes — shudder — The Legend of Bagger Vance.

Comedy/Drama

Love Is All You Need

Director. Susan Bier

Stars. Pierce Brosnan, Trine Dyrholm

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Ida (Dyrholm), a Danish hairdresser, returns home from a final round of chemo to find her husband and his accountant in flagrante. Ida leaves for Italy to attend their daughter's wedding, alone, crushed and yet relieved. She has a meltdown at the airport and crashes into the luxury car of a businessman (Brosnan). Dyrholm is tremendously appealing and Brosnan finds a role that recalls on his own experiences with his late wife. Together they're magic.

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Drama

Now You See Me

Director. Louis Leterrier

Stars. Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson

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There's nothing quite like a good heist movie, and if you can throw in a bit of sleight-of-hand, all the better. As a film, Now You See Me seems to know it's not supposed to be much more than a good time, and there's nothing wrong with that. Whoever pulled this ensemble together is the real star here. The Four Horsemen (Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Isla Fisher and Dave Franco) take what could've been bad CW drama-level characters and make them imminently watchable.

NED EHRBAR

Sci-fi/Action

After Earth

Directors. M. Night Shyamalan

Stars. Jaden Smith, Will Smith

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After his last few attempts (including 2010's The Last Airbender), expectations for M. Night Shyamalan's films couldn't be lower and After Earth likely won't help matters. A vehicle to re-team Will Smith and his son Jaden, this futuristic thriller crashes the pair on a deserted Earth where they must survive ferociously evolved creatures and seek rescue. While Shyamalan fills the film with plenty of eye-catching effects, wooden dialogue and a shortage on soul keeps its audience at arm's length. **STEVE GOW**

Foley artist Tchae Measroch's studio is packed with a bizarre collection of items he uses to create sounds ranging from a zombie peeling its face off to a musket gun cocking. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Have no ear — the foley artist is here!

Subtleties of sound. Tchae Measroch makes a living making noise — he creates the sounds that pepper popular video games

On any given day Tchae Measroch could find himself crawling around on all fours, splashing about in a bathtub or tapping on a bear skull, all in the name of his art.

Such is the life of a foley artist — someone who reproduces everyday sounds for film, video games and TV, with the profession named after Jack Donovan Foley, who pioneered the craft in late 1920s Hollywood.

The 37-year-old Montrealer toils in a small, dimly lit studio that looks more like a disorganized storage space containing many props, some of which closely resemble curbside junk.

This is where he cranks out sound effects for video games.

There aren't many people like him. While Canada closes in on the status of being the world's second-biggest video-game producer, with more than 16,000 employees, there are only a handful of full-time foley artists.

Relying on his imagination, the Ubisoft employee improvises sounds based on what he sees on-screen while working on games like Assassin's Creed 4. He might remove the skin from a banana to mimic a zombie peeling the skin off its face. He's used an old door knob and latch in order to replicate the sound of a centuries-old musket gun cocking.

In this line of work, as it turns out, there might be unusual uses for a medical tool whose regular intended purpose is probing body cavities.

"It happened once that I couldn't find a pair of police handcuffs in my stuff," he recalls. "So, from my 'Hospital Items Box' I grabbed a speculum to sound the cuffs."

Sound effects are almost always last in the creative process.

That gives Measroch and others like him precious little time to probe their imagination and grab the closest available object to produce the appropriate sound.

Axes, bottles, boots, chains, old tires, swords — they're never far from reach.

His tool kit involves anything he can use to replicate a sound. He might find such objects at home or in the most unlikely of places, such as garbage cans.

And there's plenty of trial and error.

While trying to simulate the sound of someone being clubbed over the head, for instance, Measroch quickly realized his bear skull wouldn't produce the desired effect.

In the end, a coconut did the trick.

Another time he discovered that his water-filled tub could provide the ambient sound for a character drowning or falling overboard.

Life as a foley artist has had its challenges.

"It's like being the stuntman of sound," he says.

Measroch recalls injuring himself while working on a movie. He'd put his hands through glass while trying to emulate the sound of a woman, held captive in a cabin, banging on the window.

"Sometimes it's a tough job," he says, "and you've got to be ready to get your hands dirty."

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What it takes to be a foley

Starting out at age 20, Measroch worked alongside a veteran foley artist on B movies, assisting him for three years before venturing out as a freelancer and picking up film work. Measroch eventually left the movie business and ventured into gaming, lured by the offer of greater creative challenges and recognition. More recently Measroch has been holed up in a studio creating sounds at Ubisoft's Montreal branch.

Takei talks passing the Sulu torch to John Cho

Star Trek. Iconic actor recalls soothing Cho's fears about boarding the USS Enterprise

Portraying USS Enterprise helmsman Hikaru Sulu in the latest Star Trek movie comes with big shoes to fill, but the man who played the part in the TV series and six films has given his blessing to the actor currently playing the role.

Even though George Takei — whose portrayal of Sulu made him a science fiction legend — said he had not yet had time to catch recently released Star Trek Into Darkness due to his busy schedule, he feels John Cho is the "ideal choice" to carry on Sulu's legacy due to the actor's "charm, intelligence, dash and sharpness."

Beware the Trekkies

"He was very curious about the intensity of Star Trek fans"

George Takei on meeting John Cho

"When (director) J.J. Abrams first announced he had cast Hikaru Sulu, I got a call from John (Cho) asking to have lunch with me," Takei said Friday in Singapore, where he attended the inaugural Social Star Awards. "He was very curious about the intensity of Star Trek fans and doing comic conventions, but he was more concerned about how the fans would accept him because they have identified the character of Sulu with me for so long and he was worried about how he would be received."

"So I told him that it wouldn't be too long before I'll be known as the guy who played John Cho's part, and he was comforted by that," Takei said with a laugh.

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John Cho. HANDOUT

Wooing Julianne Moore

"While Julianne Moore is a married woman with two kids, she's just a human being. It's not like I can't connect to her in any kind of way. So it was never awkward because of that.

"It was just treated with the same kind sensitivity and casuality as any other kind of thing."

Actor **Michael Angarano** about his new romantic comedy The English Teacher. The 25-year-old takes on the role of a university graduate who woos his former high school teacher (Julianne Moore) as they attempt to mount his play.

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Fun on the run

Race through London

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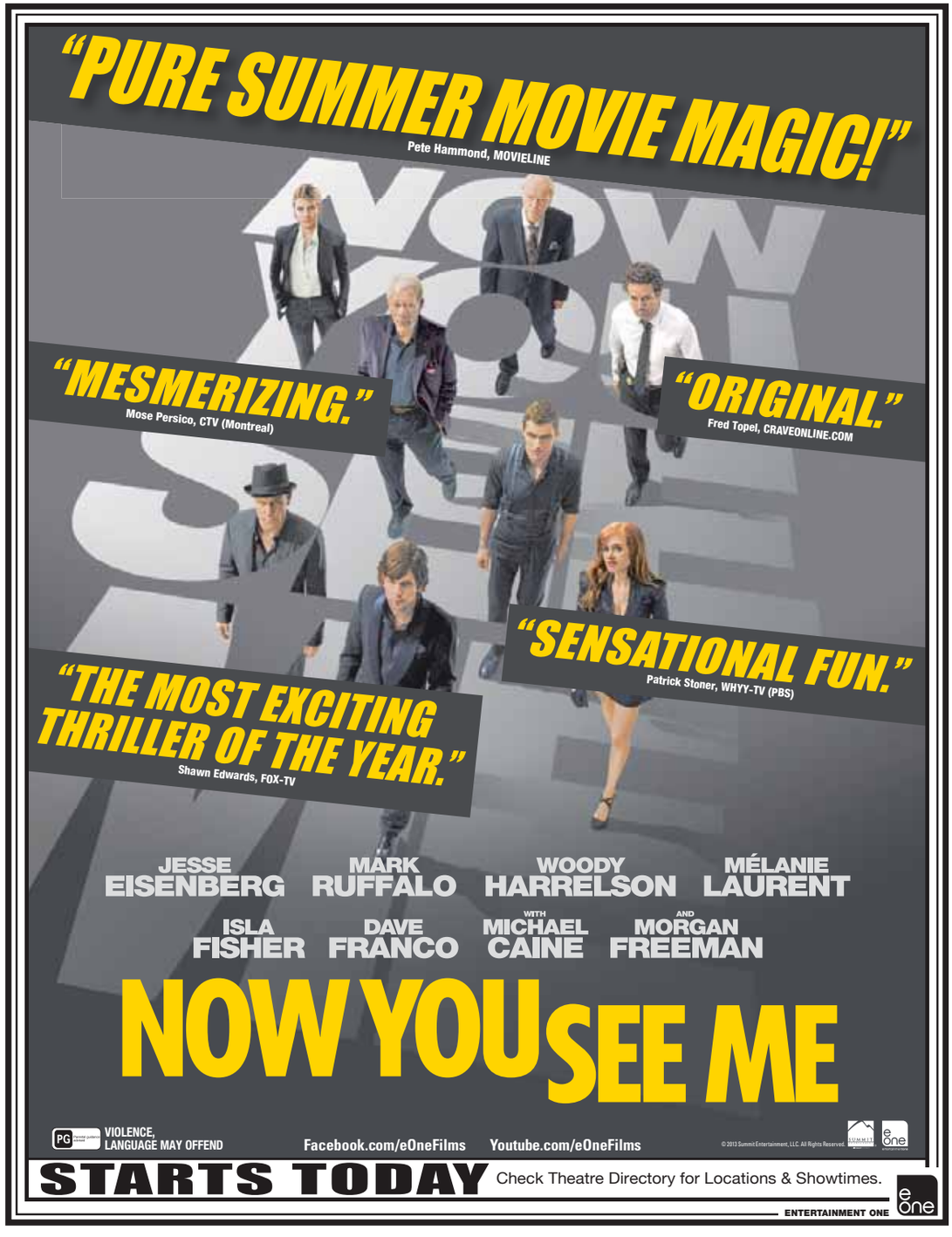

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325 Rideau St.

Amour (PG) Fri 4:05 Sat 1:30
The Big Lebowski (14A) Sun 8:50
Blood Pressure (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat 6:59 Sun 6:40 Mon 9:20 Tue 6:45
Love Is All You Need (14A) Fri 6:50 Sat 4:20-9:15 Sun 4:01 Mon 6:45 Tue 8:55 Wed-Thu 6:45

Canadian Film Institute
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120

No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Wed
The World Is Funny (STC) Thu 7

Canadian Museum of nature
240 McLeod St.

Dinosaur Passage to Pangaea 3D (STC) Sat-Sun 12:50-2:30-3:40 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:05
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri Mon-Thu
Tornado Alley 3D (STC) Sat-Sun 10:30-1:10 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:50

Coliseum Ottawa
3090 Carling Ave.

After Earth (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45 Mon-Wed 5:25-7:55-10:25 Thu 1:30-5:25-7:55-10:25
Epic (PG) Fri 1:35-4:10-6:45 Sat 1-4:10-6:45 Sun 1:35-4:10-6:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:25
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Fast & Furious 6 (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:50 No Passes Mon 3:20-7-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:20-6:25-9:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:50-10:50 No Passes Mon-Wed 4:20-7:30-10:30 No Passes Thu 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:30
The Great Gatsby (PG) Fri 12:50-4-7:15-10:20 Sat 4-7:15-10:20 Sun 12:50-4-7:15-10:20 Mon 3:40-10 Tue-Wed 3:40-6:55-10 Thu 3:40-6:55
The Hangover Part III (14A) Fri-Sun 12-12:30-2:30-3-5:05-5:35-7:30-8-10:05-10:35 Mon-Wed 4:45-5:15-7:10-7:40-9:45-10:15 Thu 1:15-4:45-5:15-7:10-7:40-9:45-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Internship (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Iron Man 3 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:15-7:20-10:35 Mon-Wed 3:55-7-10:15 Thu 1:05-3:55-7-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Giulio Cesare Encore (STC) Sat 12 Mon 6
Now You See Me (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:10
Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Star Trek Into Darkness (PG) Fri-Sun 10:50 Tue-Thu 9:30
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Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (STC) Fri-Sun 11:50-3:20-6:50-10:10 Mon-Wed 6:30-9:50 Thu 1:15-6:30-9:50

Empire 7 Cinemas
111 Albert St. 3rd Floor
World Exchange Plaza

After Earth (PG) No Passes Fri 3:45-7-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-3:45-7-9:40 No Passes Mon 3:45-7-9:40 No Passes Tue 12-3:45-7-9:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:45-7-9:40
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Fast & Furious 6 (PG) No Passes Fri 3:15-6:10-9:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-3:15-6:10-9:05 Mon 3:15-6:10-9:05 No Passes Tue 12:20-3:15-6:10-9:05 Wed-Thu 3:15-6:10-9:05
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The Hangover Part III (14A) No Passes Fri 3:40-6:50-9:25 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:25 Mon 3:40-6:50-9:25 No Passes Tue 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:25 Wed-Thu 3:40-6:50-9:25
Mud (PG) Fri 3:30-6:25-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:25-9:15 Mon 3:30-6:25-9:15 Tue 12:30-3:30-6:25-9:15 Wed-Thu 3:30-6:25-9:15
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Mayfair Theatre
1074 Bank St.

Easy Rider (STC) Mon 7 Wed 9:30
Opera in Hollywood (STC) Thu 7
Renoir (STC) Fri-Sun 6:30 Tue-Wed 7
Spring Breakers (18A) Fri 9:15 Sat-Sun 8:45 Mon 9 Tue 9:30
Super Secret Saturday Night Sinema (STC) Sat 10:45
Zu, Warriors From the Magic Mountain (STC) Fri 11:15

Rainbow Cinemas
St. Laurent Centre
1200 St. Laurent Blvd.

42 (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-1-3:50-6:30-9:05
The Big Wedding (14A) Fri-Thu 10-2:40-4:40-9:20
Escape From Planet Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-2:35-4:45
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-7-9:10
Life of Pi (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-4:20
Oblivion (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-6:50
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 4-9:10
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri-Thu 10:15-1:20-6:35
The Place Beyond the Pines (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-7:30

South Keys
2214 Bank St.

After Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
Chimpanzee (G) Sun 12:45
The Croods (G) Fri 10:55-1:30-4 Sat 4 Sun 10:25-4 Mon-Thu 10:55-1:30-4
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The Metropolitan Opera: Giulio Cesare Encore (STC) Sat 12
Now You See Me (PG) Fri-Thu 10:35-1:15-4:05-6:55-9:45
The Purge (14A) No Passes Thu 10
Shark Tale (G) Sat 11
Star Trek Into Darkness (PG) Fri 6:30-9:35 Sat 7:15-10:10 Sun-Thu 6:30-9:35
Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-7-10:05

Canadian Museum of civilization
100 rue Laurier

Les Dauphins (STC) Fri 9:45 Sat-Sun 11
Le dernier récif 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 4
Dolphins (STC) Sat-Sun 12
Flight of the Butterflies 3D (STC) Mon 2 Tue 10-5 Wed 1-5 Thu 11-5
L' incroyable voyage des papillons 3D (STC) Mon 9:45 Wed 9:30 Thu 12
L'Express des Rocheuses (STC) Fri 8 Sun 7 Mon 8 Tue 7
The Last Reef: Cities Beneath the Sea 3D (STC) Fri 3 Sat-Sun 2 Mon 11-3 Tue 3 Wed-Thu 2-7
Momies: Secret des Pharaons (STC) Wed 12
Nés pour être libres (STC) Tue 1 Thu 1
Rocky Mountain Express (STC) Sat 3-6-8 Sun 3-6 Mon 1-7 Tue 8 Wed-Thu 3-8
Titans de l'ère glaciaire 3D (STC) Fri 4-7 Sat-Sun 4 Mon 12 Wed 4
Titans of the Ice Age 3D (STC) Fri 11-12-2-5 Sat 5-7 Sun-Mon 5 Tue 11-12-2 Wed 11 Thu 9:45

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Film de peur 5 (13+) Fri-Sun 5:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 12-3:55-5:30
Fuyons la planète Terre (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:35-3:10-6:20
Jack le chasseur de géants (G) Fri-Sun 12
L'oubli (G) Fri-Sun 4:10-8 Mon-Thu 2:10-6:30-8:40
Oz le magnifique (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 12-2:15-4:30-8:45
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After Earth (G) Fri-Tue
The Call (13+) Fri-Tue
L'oubli (G) Fri-Tue
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed-Thu
Rapides et dangereux 6 (13+) Fri-Tue

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Gang de requins (G) Sat 11
Giulio Cesare (STC) Sat 12
The Great Gatsby (G) Fri 12:45-4-7:15-10:30 Sat 4-7:15-10:30 Sun 12:45-4-7:15-10:30 Mon 7:10-10:20 Tue 12:45-4-7:10-10:20 Wed 7:10-10:20 Thu 7:10
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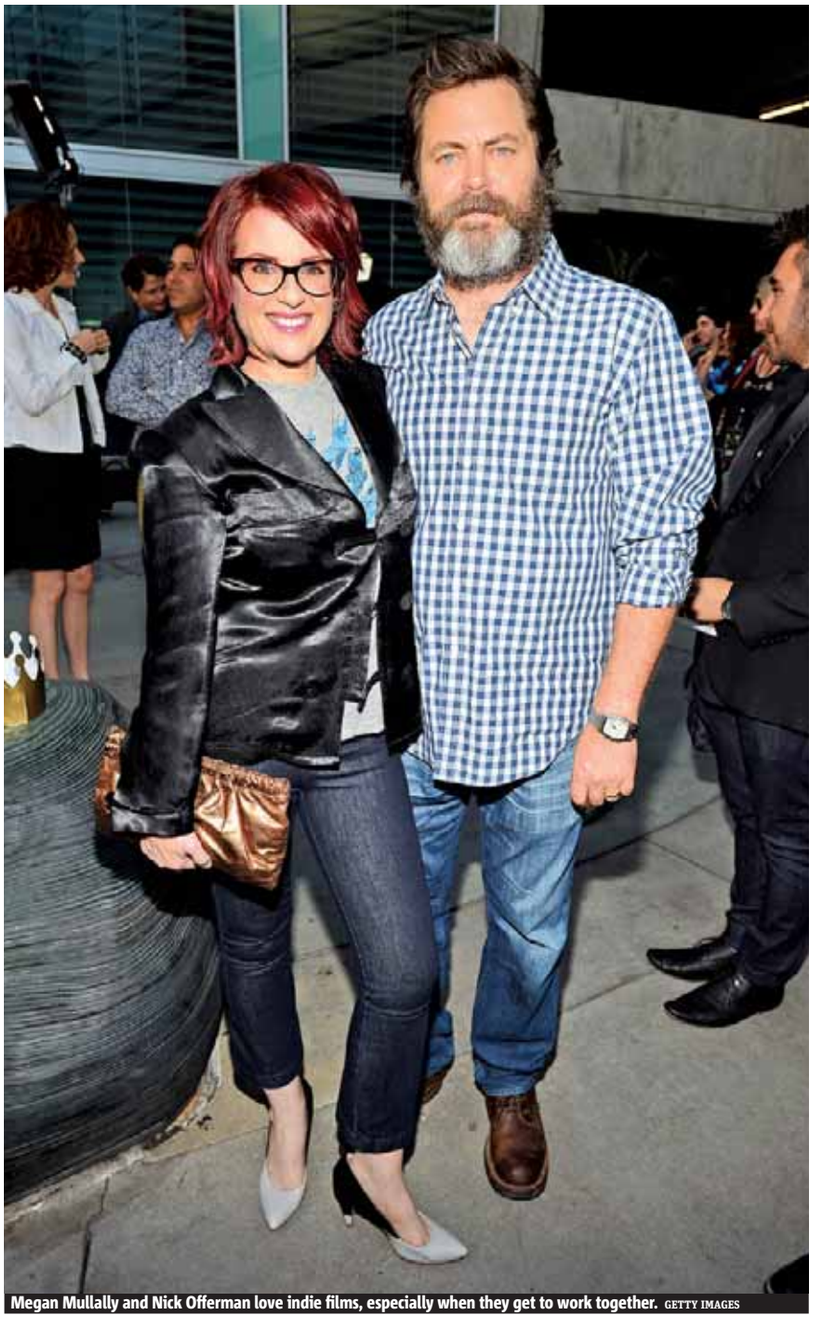

Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman love indie films, especially when they get to work together. GETTY IMAGES

They're one very funny duo

Perfect package. Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman love working together — it means less time apart

MATTHEW PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

The dominant power couple in the world shifts at the whim of a fickle populace. Right now, for some, the greatest — or just most wonderful — duo is Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally. Married since 2003, the two have seen a shift in their careers: Once Mullally was the one with the hit show (Will and Grace). Now it's him, as burly libertarian carnivore Ron Swanson on Parks and Recreation — although Mullally has guest appearances as his ex-wife, Tammy. In fact, they tend to work together on the same projects; that way, they don't have to spend any time apart. In The Kings of Summer, Offerman plays the widowed father of a teenager who runs away from home to live in the woods with his bros. Mullally plays the mother of one of his friends, which affords them only a few scenes together.

You've both been doing a lot of smaller films, often together. What's the appeal of these projects?

Mullally: I think we both love doing indie movies. It's kind of the equivalent of the 99-seat play. You have the feeling that you have more creative leeway and you can make it be the way you want it to be. When everyone is on a level playing field and nobody is getting paid, I think everyone pitches in equally and has the same kind of desire to create something good.

Offerman: We choose material, first and foremost, based on scripts that we think are very good. Scripts that don't go through the corporate regime are going to end up better because they'll retain somebody with a beautiful artistic vision and/or a great sense of humour. That will come through in an independent script much more so than a studio project. Those can't help but be homogenized by the standards and practices, the Coca-Cola people.

How did you get involved in Kings of Summer?

Offerman: They were looking for sort of a gruff guy who could also tell a joke and Russell Crowe wasn't available. Chris Colletta's script was poignant, beautiful and heartfelt, but also had a terrific sense of humour. It often happens with Megan and I: One of us gets a job on something and the producers will say, "Can we get your spouse interested in this?" If one of us loves the script, the other is happy to jump on board, too. It also affords us the opportunity instead of spending two weeks apart while out in Cleve- land, we're there together and having fun working on it together. There are a lot of perks to it.

Offerman on Kings

The going technique is to go with a really great script and get a really great cast. You have to shoot your scenes as written because you need all the story points. Chris Colletta's script was wonderful and there was no need to embellish it. You happen to have some of the greatest improvisers in the nation of America. You take the script and shoot the scenes and then you say "Let's f— around," and you end up with a handful of gold nuggets that you'd be crazy not to use.

Quality over quantity

"We choose material, first and foremost, based on scripts that we think are very good."
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Little green men go under the microscope

Would E.T. be as cuddly and warm in real life or the opposite? AP/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Aliens: The Definitive Guide. New show asks the finest scientific minds what they believe about E.T.s and U.F.Os

Maybe those science-fiction scenarios about killer robots from space invading the Earth aren't so far-fetched after all.

Aliens bearing little resemblance to Steven Spielberg's cuddly E.T. might actually eye Earth for its potential slaves and to plunder its natural resources, say scientists interviewed in Aliens: The Definitive Guide, a new documentary being broadcast Sunday on Discovery Canada.

In short, they might be a lot like humans were when they explored new lands. But don't go running for the shelters just yet. Even if aliens are headed for us now, space travel can take thousands of years using currently known technology, which probably rules out the possibility of any malevolent E.T.s touching down during our lifetime, anyway.

Producer Alan Handel says aliens are a "never-ending preoccupation" for people, so making the documentary was a no-brainer. He says surveys indicate that many Canadians believe extra-terrestrials exist and may already have dropped in. "I just think it's a really neat concept to say, 'OK, let's take it seriously and go to some of the best scientific minds in the world and ask their opinion.'"

However, Aliens: The Definitive Guide isn't a tale of extra-terrestrial terror and instead entertainingly poses an exhaustive list of questions about who may be beyond the stars.

What planets might have life? How might its inhabitants get here? What would they look like? And what are their possible intentions?

These are some of the queries pondered in the two-hour film by Montreal's Handel Productions and U.K.-based Arrow Media. A theoretical physicist at City University of New York scoffs at anyone who tries to suggest we're the only life forms in the universe.

"Gimme a break," Michio Kaku (American theoretical physicist) says in the documentary. "I mean, how many stars are out there in the universe anyway? The Hubble Space Telescope can see about a 100 billion galaxies — that's the visible universe," he says. "Each galaxy consists of 100 billion stars. Do the math."

All the scientists agreed that any alien who touched down on Earth would be pretty advanced scientifically. It's not the first time Handel has tackled a subject that would be considered more in the realm of sensational supermarket tabloids. Their last definitive guide documentary was on Bigfoot and the next one in the works looks at time travel.

Handel describes himself as a "professional skeptic" when it comes to extra-terrestrial life and UFOs. He says he was surprised by the number of planets that might support life in some form and the extent of the likelihood that alien life could visit Earth. "It was really surprising to me. I had no idea. I think it's a program that's full of surprises and revelations."

He noted that science fiction can often cross the line into science fact, and pointed to one of his other previous films, How William Shatner Changed The World. That documentary discussed how some technology in the old Star Trek TV shows and movies had actually become real. "It's interesting to do a kind of reality check on science fiction and see how far away we are from that vision being real, or real down the road."

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Chances are...

"The Hubble space telescope can see about 100 billion galaxies — that's the visible universe."

Michio Kaku, American theoretical physicist.

Star-studded summer. FX chief reveals hot new season schedule

New series from Billy Crystal, Diane Kruger and horror master Guillermo del Toro are among the star-studded projects bound for FX Canada.

The channel's summer lineup will be anchored by Kruger's crime drama The Bridge, also starring DemiDan Bichir. Premiering July 10, it centres on two detectives — one from the United States and one from Mexico — who must work together to hunt down a serial killer operating on both sides of the U.S.-Mexican border.

The vampire thriller The Strain, from del Toro, is expected to shoot its pilot in Toronto this summer. It features Corey Stoll (House of Cards) as a disease specialist in New York City who is called on to investigate a strange viral outbreak.

Oscar-winner Charlie Kaufman (Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, Being John Malkovich) is behind the comedy How and Why, which centres on a man who can explain how and why a nuclear reactor works, but is clueless about life. Meanwhile, Crystal writes and stars in The Comedians, a 30-minute, single-camera comedy about a superstar veteran comedian who is reluctantly paired with a younger, edgier comic for a late-night sketch show.

FX Networks boss John Landgraf said the increasingly tough movie marketplace is driving a lot of big Hollywood talent to small screen projects, where premium cable fare is seen as dynamic, exciting and original.

Guillermo del Toro. GETTY IMAGE

"The loss in some ways of the theatrical feature business is the gain of television," he said.

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FX summer highlights

- **The Strain.** Guillermo del Toro directs
- **The Bridge.** Starring Dian Kruger
- **The Comedians.** Starring and written by Billy Crystal
- **How and Why.** Written by Charlie Kaufman

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IV Play a rude awakening of a different variety for The-Dream

R&B. Hip hop's premier songwriter goes from racy to ratchet with his brand new album

LAUREN CARTER
Metro World News in New York City

The-Dream says the new project is 'a very vibe-y adult album.' HANDOUT

The-Dream has always been a sex-obsessed R&B genius, but now he's turned things up a notch. On his new album, IV Play, which drops this week, the singer, songwriter and producer isn't afraid to express his desires.

He says the extra dose of risqué talk and bawdy calls for sex are a reflection of where he's at in his life, and where we're at as a society. For the uninitiated, this is ratchet-infused R&B.

"I'd like to think it's a very vibe-y, adult album," says the man born Terius Nash. "I've been out, I've been in clubs so I know we're in the ratchet era of things. I'm sure there's been a lot of ratchetness on my album because of what's been going through our culture, which is a good thing, by the way. The 'ratchet' word sounds like it's negative, but it's actually more free than most R&B songs could be, than pop could be. 'I don't give a f—,' that's basically what it's saying."

If IV Play embraces more explicit come-ons — and a few more drug references — than we're used to, it still boasts the same sound we'd expect from the musical mastermind behind some of the most memorable songs in modern R&B.

The-Dream has crafted megahits for the likes of Beyoncé (Single Ladies, Put a Ring on It), Rihanna (Umbrella) and Justin Bieber (Baby), and racked up multiple Grammy Awards, so it's no surprise that industry heavyweights like Jay-Z, Beyoncé, Pusha T and 2 Chainz appear on IV Play, which rounds out a handful of edgier tracks with sweet serenades and dark, introspective numbers.

Just being honest

"It's like, 'Yo, this is where I am in my life.' I can't make a video or an album for a child that's 16."

The-Dream, on his new, naughtier approach

The wave of ratchet hip-hop may not be the most surprising influence on IV Play, though. You might also hear some classical music making its way into the compositions. The-Dream says it's his favourite genre.

"When those brass horns come in, there's drama tied to that. When the flutes come in, there's some type of majestic feeling that comes over you," he says of the classical compositions he's often listening to. "You're just listening. There's no judgment. It's not 'Yeah, well he sucks, so I'm not listening to whatever his record is or whether he did a magical thing or not or whether that song makes sense.'"

The-Dream says American culture pays more attention to fashion choices and rumours than the most important factor concerning an artist — the music.

"All those genius (composers) were probably kind of crazy themselves, but what we took from them most was that their music was outstanding and they were great at it," he says. "Period."

Forthcoming collaborations

Love vs. money

In addition to finishing up his fifth album (with the title, you'd think IV Play was his fourth) and preparing for the Lights Out tour with Kelly Rowland, The-Dream is collaborating with Kanye West, Beyoncé and Jay-Z. He remains tight-lipped about what those forthcoming collaborations entail.

"I've probably done the least on Kanye's, because he's like a machine like I am and just timing-wise, but I can say I've definitely done a lot of work with Bey and Jay," he says. "It's definitely multiple songs."

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Founding member of the Stranglers JJ Burnel. GETTY IMAGE

While punk rock veterans and astute audiophiles are no strangers to the Stranglers' pedigree, the band feels as though they've never received their due respect in America — to the point they even started ignoring the U.S.

Their new record, Giants, was released in the U.S. this week, but it has already been out in Europe for a year. And their North American tour, which starts next week, will be their first in 17 years.

"We didn't consider releasing it in the States until people asked us if they could release it," says bassist/singer/founder JJ Burnel.

"We've been offered a few tours, but we didn't feel like it. For once, we've accepted. It's not the be all and end all, you know, but we're very excited to come over to the other side of the pond."

If the Sex Pistols gave a snarling face and attitude to the genre while The Clash and Ramones would go on to define its boundaries of sound, the Stranglers' legacy lies in their longevity and diversity. They preceded the previously mentioned bands, and their music never stopped — it only progressed.

"The term (punk) is interesting because it has meant more for us over the years," notes Burnel. "The first time I heard it used was in 1975, and it was still a bit of a broad church. But the term quickly got ambushed by fundamentalism, and it started to describe a much narrower field than I was able to accept.

"Joe Strummer of The Clash used to come see us regularly when he was still in a rhythm and blues band — and certainly the Pistols were coming to see us before they started their band. I'm not sure if we really subscribed to their philosophies, but we were slightly ahead of the game, and of that whole generation of bands, we were definitely the first. We just didn't do the big American thing. That wasn't our agenda."

With a career spanning 17 records and closing in on 40 years, perhaps the term "punk" is just too simplistic and vague to describe the band's vast catalogue. Their sound has always been far more complex and diverse than the three-chord, two-minute anthems of their contemporaries.

With classics as disparate as the bass-heavy rumble and crass spoken- word, Peaches, to their sinister harpsichord waltz, Golden Brown, the Stranglers never subscribed to a specific attitude or formulaic sound.

"The Stranglers have always written about the world that we live in. If the world was just a bedroom where I was f—ing, or a blingy thingy, it would be appropriate that way,"continues Burnel.

"But we have a 'world view.' We try to stay informed and have an opinion and try to approach it in terms that people will listen to it. This last album had the best reviews in our history, and last year we played maybe 20 countries. The fact that it's taken all this time for the U.S. to seduce us back is more a reflection on Americans than with us, to be honest. ... It's exciting, and it's been so long now, it's almost like I'm a virgin."

Q&A with Burnel

On their legacy...

• What do you think the Stranglers' legacy is and will be?

Well, that's what the French call "nominalism" or "belly-button-ism." It's something that I really don't spend any time thinking about. But it is perhaps something that journalists and commentators will mire over and talk about if we're lucky. But we're still alive and kicking.

Kim Jong-un's arrival a VICE surprise

Basketball documentary. Odd North Korean leader stunned film team by turning up at a game before dining with the Harlem Globetrotters

The documentary crew that accompanied Dennis Rodman to North Korea over the winter says it had no idea it would meet the reclusive country's young leader, Kim Jong-un, until he showed up at a basketball game it was filming.

The media company VICE arranged the trip and invited Rodman after its first choice, Michael Jordan, expressed no interest. A 30-minute documentary on the unexpected piece of basketball diplomacy will air on June 14 on HBO as the final episode of VICE's first season, and was previewed for some reporters on Wednesday.

The North Korean leader loves basketball so much that he overlooked the government's antipathy for VICE founder Shane Smith, who had made two critical documentaries on North Korea, and invited the crew in. Smith wasn't allowed back but VICE's Ryan Duffy accompanied Rodman and three members of the Harlem Globetrotters travelling basketball troupe. "We just wanted to make a good documentary," Smith said in an interview. "We didn't do it as a stunt."

The North Koreans did not go through the footage shot by the crew, however. Some 36 hours of film was cut down into the half-hour HBO show, and some may surface later as online extras.

The crew went through an elaborate week-long organized tour of North Korea's capital of Pyongyang, visiting a well-stocked mall with no other customers and the country's version of Sea World.

The tour was taken in the hopes of catching one or two glimpses of the real North Korean people, which the group finally achieved toward the end when its minders let the bus stop at a park and the Globetrotters played around with some of the kids, helping them learn to spin a basketball on their finger.

Duffy said the group was surprised when Kim arrived to watch what was essentially a pickup basketball game with the Globetrotters and some members of a North Korean youth team. Rodman didn't play; he sat in the stands watching with Kim. After the game, the VICE crew and players were rushed across Pyongyang unexpectedly for a dinner with Kim and other members of the North Korean government. VICE says it hasn't spoken to anyone in the Obama administration about the trip. During the trip, the administration had refrained from commenting about it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Montreal's DJ Champion returns to music after recovering from cancer

A Champion. Maxime Morin releases 1, a journey through the recent years of his life

When Montreal's DJ Champion was diagnosed with cancer three years ago, he felt strangely confident he could fight it. The outlook for his career, however, appeared terminal.

"I gave up on music," said the 43-year-old musician, born Maxime Morin, from his home recently.

"It was very important for me at that time to get better, to just say: 'OK, I'm done with music. As of now, I do not consider myself a musician anymore. I do not consider myself anything. Just a human being trying to stay alive.'

"We're talking about life — my own life," he added. "Don't (mess) with it. So stop pretending to be someone, and just be alive."

He succeeded there, and as the threat of cancer dissipated, Morin re-engaged with music — resulting in last Tuesday's release of the expressive, elegant 1.

But it's easy to understand why this orchestral feat once seemed an impossible dream.

When Morin was diagnosed with Stage 3 lymphoma in spring 2010, his doctor believed he had only about two or three months to live.

But she didn't share that dire prognostication with the Quebec turntable maestro.

"They don't tell you that when you're about to die," he said with a hearty laugh, showcasing the gallows humour that appears to have become second nature.

"If you have a good doctor, they won't tell you. My doctor didn't tell me that. Because the first time I saw her, she was very subtle, very calm."

DJ Champion was diagnosed with cancer but he was convinced it wasn't his time to die — yet. PAUL CHIASSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Morin was to have eight treatments and begin medication. And he was going to survive.

"She told me with her conviction ... she was going to heal me, and save me," he recalled. "That's it, that's all. No questions asked.

"I was convinced that it wasn't my time," he added. "Yes, I was going to die, but not that day, not that year, not right now. I was convinced of that."

He was right, which he'd find out about six months later. Morin was given a clean bill of health.

Asked how he feels now, he responds with characteristic wit.

"I'm a used car," he says. "But I'm OK." THE CANADIAN PRESS

The album

- 1 certainly is new, a marked departure from DJ Champion's previous work — which was often characterized by the inspired alchemy of such seemingly disparate genres as grunge, electronic, soul and dance.
- On his latest work, Champion is uncommonly focused, creating an ornately orchestrated journey through the harrowing but ultimately triumphant recent years of his life. He's still incorporating giddy bits from every corner of his record collection — with guitars and electro baubles gleaming above the surface — but the album's ever-present strings bind the mix to a symphonic sonic framework.
- Champion said the album is meant to represent him, warts and all. "I wanted to be transparent," he said. "This is who I am. This is what I am. That's why no blues songs or blues-grunge songs are there. I wanted to show I can't sing. I'm a bad singer. That's who I am."

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There's nothing boring about AC/DC, Rihanna and a cello or two

Music. Legendary producer Bob Ezrin had 2Cellos on his radar since watching YouTube video

The first time Canadian producer Bob Ezrin saw 2Cellos perform, the conditions weren't exactly optimal for the Croatian duo.

They were opening for Elton John in Orlando, with 16,500 people on hand who — Ezrin notes — had virtually no interest in watching 2Cellos. They weren't so much inhospitable as indifferent.

"The show starts with Elton on this big screen and his disembodied voice and he says: 'There's two young musicians that I'd like to introduce you to. They come from Croatia,'" Ezrin recalled.

"And when he said the word 'Croatia,' you could hear the whole audience go: 'Zzzz,'" he added, laughingly mimicking the crowd's collective snoring. "And then they hear Cellos and everyone's on their BlackBerrys. They had tuned out. 'Ladies and gentlemen, the 2Cellos!' I think four hands applauded."

But Ezrin listened, and soon, so did everyone else.

"They come out on stage, they plug in and ... it's loud, it's powerful, and it's rocking. So from the first note, they got everyone's attention."

And Ezrin's, more so than anyone else's.

He already had 2Cellos on his radar since watching a YouTube video of the classically trained duo — the jocular Stjepan Hauser and his more stoic partner, Luka Sulic — using their cellos for a rousing, powerful cover of Michael Jackson's nimble classic "Smooth Criminal," a clip that has now been viewed nearly 8.5 million times.

Not long after taking in their performance with John, Ezrin was driving from Nashville to Evansville, Ind., to meet the pair at a "fleabag motel" and start mapping out the track list for their major-label debut In2ition. Released earlier this year, the album includes an impressive array of guests — including John himself on Oh, Well, virtuoso guitarist Steve Vai on a cover of AC/DC's Highway to Hell, Glee star Naya Rivera belting out Muse's Supermassive Black Hole and star Chinese pianist Lang Lang on Coldplay's Clocks.

In addition to those songs, 2Cellos also interpret Rihanna's neon-hued dance smash We Found Love, the Police's brooding classic Every Breath You Take and the Prodigy's frenetic Voodoo People.

So what did the legendary Toronto producer behind such smashes as Pink Floyd's The Wall, Kiss's Destroyer and Alice Cooper's School's Out see in the pair? For one thing, that they had the ability to illustrate the immense possibilities of an instrument typically associated exclusively with classical music.

"They're playing everything — they go from hip hop to high classical, so to be able to share that with kids is great because it shows them that music is a very broad thing and it also in a very kind of unconscious way shows them that they can express themselves in a very broad way." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cello partner!

Hauser has been playing cello since he was eight, Sulic since he was five. They met at age 14 at a summer-music camp in Europe.

- "Straight away we found a chemistry," Sulic said. "I said: 'Oh, look at that lunatic. I want to play with him.'"
- They were widely considered to be rivals, given that they were two phenomenal young cellists from the same small country. But they always considered themselves "great friends."

Canadian producer Bob Ezrin, centre, poses for a photo with 2Cellos members Luka Sulic, left, and Stjepan Hauserin Toronto on May 23. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kid Rock freely admits he scalps some of his concert tickets. INVISION/AP

Candid Kid Rock admits: 'I'm in the scalping business'

Not the only one.
Southern rocker says he's being up front as 'a lot of artists' have been doing it for years behind fans' backs

The 42-year-old Grammy winner, who is launching a summer tour where most tickets are priced at $20, said he's holding about 1,000 tickets from each show and reselling them on ticketsnow.com — owned by Ticketmaster — to make up for the cheaper regular price he's offering.

"I'm in the scalping business, but you know what? We told everyone. A lot of artists have been doing this for years behind fans' backs, taking all these backdoor deals," he said. "We look at StubHub and other places and see what they're selling them for and we just undercut them."

Kid Rock's $20 Best Night Ever Tour kicks off June 28 in Bristow, Va., and the Detroit native, who released his debut album in 1990, said he likely scalped secretly on past tours.

"I'm sure we have," he said. "I can't say for sure, but I'm not going to say that we haven't. I wouldn't be surprised if we did."

Kid Rock's discount ticket pricing is leading a change in the tour industry where scalpers' well-established role as a second source for tickets continues to grow. Along with Kid Rock, key acts like The Rolling Stones, Beyoncé, Paul McCartney, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake and Jay-Z have tours this summer, and a number of those tickets are being sold for a much higher price on StubHub and other websites. It's legal, but many artists don't much like it.

"If I see a scalper, I'll scalp him," the Rolling Stones' Keith Richards said, laughing.

He said he would like to play free shows to balance the high cost for tickets. The Rolling Stones' 50 & Counting Tour has a range of ticket prices, and Pollstar reported that the average price of a ticket among the tour's seven shows was $355.14.

"I'd do some free shows. I'd work my butt off and I don't care how much. But these are set up above my head, man," Richards said in a recent interview. "You're kind of locked in a thing here whether you like it or not. I wish it was five bucks a ticket."

The Rolling Stones did play a secret show at the Echoplex club in Los Angeles last month, where fans got in by winning a lottery and had to be ID'd and given photo bracelets to eliminate the chance of scalping the tickets, which were just $20.

But Mick Jagger said there isn't much the artists can do about scalping and secondary sources for tickets.

"The artist is totally powerless in this. People have made a lot of fuss about it before, but on the other side, some people are like, 'We might as well participate in it.' And you can't really blame the artist for participating in it because why shouldn't they in a way?" he said. "I know we don't participate in it, but nevertheless, I don't blame people if they wanted to do it."

"You can look at it like, 'Well, no one's making any money except these secondary ticket selling companies and they're making more money than anyone,'" Jagger continued. "It's completely legal so until it's illegal, there's nothing much anyone can do about that."

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Urban in dark on Idol future but Fuse keeps his creative fire burning bright

New album. Aussie country rocker enjoying the collaborative side of latest offering and so far the reviews are positive

Keith Urban is no different than the rest of us: He has no idea what's going on with American Idol.

"I have no official information of anything," the 45-year-old country singer-guitarist said. "I'm pretty much in the same boat as everybody else here with the rumours that have been floating around. I don't know anything more about what's happening next season. It was like this before I signed on ... so it's not unusual for the Idol folks to be in this place of figuring out what they want to do, then they always pull it together."

Urban's got plenty to distract him while he waits. The Australian country music star has set a Sept. 10 release date for his new album, Fuse, and that means he's got to finish it. Urban thinks he's got a few months of work left to do on the follow-up to 2010's Get Closer, but leaves on tour in mid-July and hasn't left himself much of a cushion.

These things usually don't take so long, but Urban is using a new approach with Fuse. He is branching out from his longtime partnership with producer Dann Huff. While Huff is still onboard on a handful of songs, Urban signed up Jay Joyce, known best in country music for his work with Eric Church and Little Big Town, and Taylor Swift collaborator Nathan Chapman. He's also enlisted rocker Butch Walker.

Urban went to their studios, used their engineers and players, and tried to expand and infuse his sound with their energy. He released the first single, the Chapman-produced Little Bit of Everything, on May 13, and country radio responded positively.

"It's just been really creatively liberating to me," Urban said. "I love collaborating. It's the thing I've always loved doing, whether it's writing or performing or being in the studio, I love the collaborative process. I think finding people's strengths is the thing I love the most."

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"It's just been really creatively liberating for me. I love collaborating.

Country star Keith Urban
On making his latest record Fuse

Keith Urban's new record is called Fuse. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/AP

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Get Clucky/A bunch of chickens

Someone so loved Daft Punk's Random Access Memories that they've covered the entire record using chickens. Wait until you get to the chorus.

Let's Learn/ The Moranbong Band

Not to be outdone by the K-Pop coming from their capitalist southern cousins, North Korea offers this state-sanctioned girl group to the proletariat. Must be seen to be believed.

Reach for the Dead (Reversed) /Boards of Canada

What does it say about this Scottish band's upcoming album Tomorrow's Harvest that fans will listen to it forwards and backwards? And that it sounds good in both directions?

It's Romeo and Juliet — the record label edition

When Elvis Costello and The Roots teamed up for a new album, they knew their pairing was unlikely and unconventional, so they secretly recorded music without the approval of their record labels.

"Sometimes if you ... get the record company involved, then people have ambition rather than starting to play, so we started to play," Costello said in a recent interview.

"We did it without a label or deadline pressure," said Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson as he sat next to Costello. "This absolutely was a passion project."

They began recording Wise Up Ghost, which will be released Sept. 17, two years ago. It's a moody, 12-track album that features both new songs and others borrowed from Costello's catalogue, including the drum-filled Sugar Won't Work, which samples from You Left Me in the Dark, and the soft and simple Tripwire, which takes from Satellite.

The Roots first collaborated with Costello on NBC's Late Night With Jimmy Fallon, where the hip-hop group is the house band. They also worked with the 58-year-old British rocker at a Prince tribute concert in March.

Elvis Costello poses for a portrait with drummer Ahmir 'Questlove' Thompson of The Roots. DAN HALLMAN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"This is like our dream — that's all I can say," a smiling Questlove said. "This is the first project at Fallon where I'm making my musical dreams come true."

Longtime Roots collaborator Steven Mandel co-produced Wise Up Ghost with Questlove and Costello.

"The thing I like most of all, the drums are really loud," Costello said. "I'm singing quite close, not having to yell to get it over."

The Roots released a collaborative album with John Legend in 2010. A year later, they released an album with Betty Wright. Questlove says working alongside Costello, a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, was scary.

"I was worried in case it didn't work. I knew I'd be the bad guy," he said.

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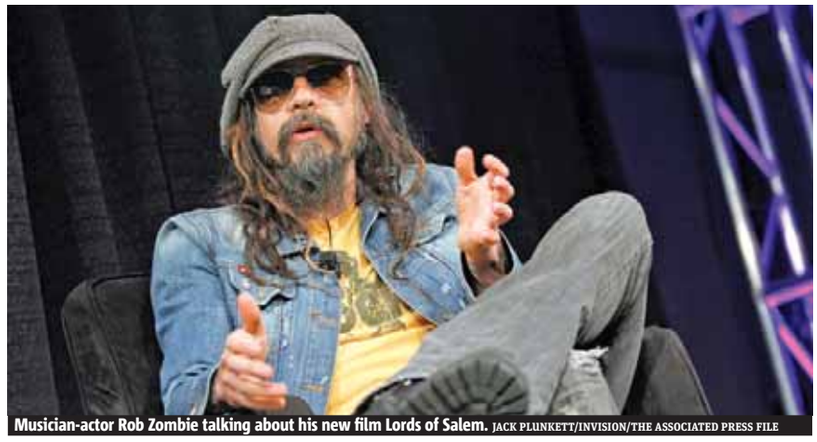
Rob Zombie more alive than ever with new horror movie, album release, novel


Musician-actor Rob Zombie talking about his new film Lords of Salem. JACK PLUNKETT/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Interview. 48-year-old Zombie talks about his music, movies, and whether he'll ever bring his sound and vision to the Broadway stage

It's becoming harder and harder to define Rob Zombie.

The theatrical rocker who began his career with the '80s shock-rock band White Zombie has reinvented himself as a contemporary horror film master with new classics like House of 1000 Corpses and the recently released, The Lords of Salem. And when the latter became the victim of budgetary constraints, Zombie turned to the written word for a more elaborate account of his witches' tale in a novel version of The Lords of Salem released in March.

Zombie then turned his attention back to music with his fifth studio album, Venomous Rat Regeneration Vendor. Released last month, he plans to support the record with a summer tour of the states, and an appearance at the Rock in Rio Festival in Brazil.

Zombie will switch gears again as he tackles mainstream fare with The Broad Street Bullies, a movie that covers the aggressive nature of the Philadelphia Flyers and their assault on the NHL culminating with back-to-back Stanley Cup wins in the 1970's. Zombie will write, produce, and direct the film.

How hard was it to transition from producing a movie to recording an album?

The record was done at that point but what I did was I finished Lords of Salem, I finished editing this movie in a barn, stripped the editing bay out, and moved the recording studio in. Went right into recording the record and just stayed away from California where we normally would record. We were out in the sticks. Stayed there for a couple months and this is the record we made and much like Lords of Salem in a sense, even though the projects aren't connected, I feel they both have the same free spirit of, like, not worrying about you know, 'Oh, is this what anybody expects? Is this what anybody wants?' I always feel when you think that way that's usually when you do the best stuff because ...you're not concerned.

Your movies and music have a lot of fans here, but it seems you're appreciated more overseas. Any idea why?

I read this quote from Woody Allen and he was referring to the way Europeans have embraced cinema compared to Americans where in America you're only as good as your last thing is the way that they'll look at you, whereas in Europe you're only as good as your best thing. So, if the best thing you did was 20 years ago they'll still treat you like that's where you're at. It seems like that's just a different thought process. Americans are more like, 'What's new? What's the next thing?'

You grew up a (Boston) Bruins fan, and are now doing a movie on the Flyers.

Someone just came to me who had the rights to the story and didn't know I was a hockey fan. He had seen The Devil's Rejects and for once, someone could look past the subject and just at the film. He said: "This movie feels like it was made in that time period. This movie has the spirit of what I can see a '70s hockey movie (having)." And that's how it happened.

So you want to be known as more than a horror director?

This reporter called me up one time and said: "These new horror directors, we're going to call them the 'splat pack,' we want to talk to you about that." I said I don't want to have anything to do with it. I didn't get into directing to be part of some club with a weird name you made up.

There's apparently much more to you than meets the eye. Music, horror movies, now a sports history flick. Do you have any plans to do a Broadway musical?

At one point I started making a few moves to get it going. I really thought my first film, House of 1000 Corpses, could work as a Broadway musical because it has those elements of ridiculousness that could translate to the stage of somewhere between Hairspray and Rocky Horror Picture Show. I look at Broadway the way I do Las Vegas and I used to go to Las Vegas and it always said Sammy Davis Jr. on the marquee and now it says Motley Crue. Just like you come to Broadway and you used to always see Annie Get Your Gun and now it says Spider-Man. It's like the crowds just change and I feel like soon, maybe in 10 years or 20 years, there will be a group of people that now are bringing their kids to Broadway like 'Oh, House of 1000 Corpses musical. Let's go see that.'

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A photo's worth a thousand words, Photograph is worth a little more

Never-before-seen photos of the Beatles by Ringo Starr will be included in his new book, titled Photograph.

An e-book will be published June 12 in conjunction with the upcoming Grammy Museum exhibit, Ringo: Peace & Love, in Los Angeles, Genesis Publications and Starr announced Wednesday.

Select images from the book, which also includes unpublished images from his personal archive, will be displayed at the exhibit.

A limited-edition handbound book signed by Starr will be available in December.

Starr's photographs and stories "portray four lads from Liverpool, trying to live normal lives amidst the frenzy that surrounded them," the statement said.

He previously published Postcards From the Boys. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

British musician Ringo Starr. JOEL RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Liam Hemsworth. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Hemsworth's bros pushed for breakup

After weeks of breakup rumours, Miley Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth have reportedly called it quits, according to Us Weekly.

"They are definitely over," a source says.

The split was apparently precipitated by Hemsworth's older brothers, Chris and Luke, staging an intervention about his love life in April.

Cyrus and Hemsworth have been engaged since July.

Patrick Stewart

Slice of pizza? Make it so

If Patrick Stewart's Twitter account is to be believed, the X-Men star has never had a slice of pizza — until now. Stewart posted a photo of himself indulging in some of New York's finest, along with the caption, "My first ever pizza 'slice.' Please note the authentic NY fold."

It is curious, of course, that he put slice in quotes. A followup tweet by Stewart to offer clarification actually didn't offer much clarification.

"To clarify," he wrote, "I've never had a 'slice.'"

Well, the important thing is he has now.

The Word

Settle down Twihards — Rob and Katy just friends

Robert Pattinson has been leaning a lot on pal Katy Perry in the wake of his split from Kristen Stewart — so much so that it's beginning to turn heads.

But sources insist to E! News that their pairing is strictly platonic.

"Nothing is going on between Rob and Katy. They are just super-good friends. There is nothing romantic about it," a source says.

"Rob and Katy are just very similar people and she adores him, as a friend, and she just wants to be there for him as a mate."

As for Pattinson's relationship coming to an end, the Twilight star is reportedly taking it in stride.

"Rob is doing fine since the breakup," the source adds.

"He is not particularly cut up about it or anything. He is doing just fine."

David Beckham

Grill it like Beckham

With his days playing soccer behind him, David Beckham is clearly on the lookout for new ways to spend his time.

One way, as it turns out, is teaming with pal Gordon Ramsay to open a sports bar and grill in the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas, according to the Sun.

"The Strip has never seen such fierce competition for food, but Gordon's places are full seven nights a week," a source tells the newspaper.

"When you add David Beckham's global status into the mix it has the potential to be the most talked about restaurant in Vegas."

But not so fast, everybody. Beckham's rep insists that the rumours of the Vegas joint venture are completely unfounded, though they are opening a London restaurant, Union Street Cafe, in September.

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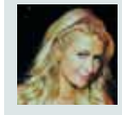

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- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece dark chocolate with espresso
- 2 snickerdoodle cookies

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Place it and chocolate between snickerdoodles, using top cookie to clamp marshmallow in place and help remove it from skewer. Squish the cookies together.

Sesame Carmel

- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece caramel-filled chocolate
- 2 pieces sesame crisp bread

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Carefully put it and caramel-filled chocolate between crisp bread, using top piece to clamp the marshmallow in place and help remove it from skewer. Squish crisps together.

Salted Oatmeal

- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece sea salted dark chocolate
- 1 square soft caramel, flattened with your palms
- 2 oatmeal cookies

Toast marshmallow on skewer and place it, chocolate and caramel between cookies, using top cookie to clamp marshmallow in place. Squish cookies together.

Double Choco Grasshopper

- 1 marshmallow
- 2 mint-filled chocolates
- 2 chocolate graham crackers

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Place it and chocolates between graham crackers, using the top cracker to help remove marshmallow from skewer. Squish.

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Liquid Assets

Grown-up apple juice

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Rejoice apple lovers, for I predict this will be the summer of cider.

It's been a long time coming in Canada. You'd think that as an apple-producing country, fermented apple juice would be a hot commodity. But unlike our drinking compatriots in Europe, we've relegated it to second tier beverage status.

You don't have to be a Coronation Street fan to know Brits enjoy a pint of the thirst-quenching stuff — it's an on-tap standard at pubs across the U.K.

Since they are both easy-drinkers, I've no doubt that there's a correlation between the exploding craft beer industry and the way consumers are embracing the wave of specialty cider hitting our shores.

Foundry Golden Cider (500 ml, $3 to $3.95) is a tasty place to start. Classically English, it offers a dry, crisp apple fruit flavour with a touch of effervescence that makes it a great seasonal food companion (think anything grilled).

Don't let global brands distract you from the many ciders being produced in your own backyard. This is one trend making it easy to drink local. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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Ottawa International Children's Festival

For a weekend that's literally programmed to be fun-filled, head down to the Children's Festival at Lebreton Flats. Eye-opening theatre, like the play Where the Wild Ones Are, dance shows by Bboyizm and music performances mean there is something for the whole family. Until Sunday. Ottawa-childrensfestival.ca

Dutch Settlement

When it comes to progressive Dutch culture and art, there's more than Amsterdam coffee shops. Get a full cup of Dutch culture Friday at Enriched Bread Artists, Quartair, an arts collective similar to EBA, in an artists' exchange show of Dutch Settlement as hosted by CBC's Lucy Van Oldenbarneveld. enrichedbreadartists.com

Amelia Curran

Juno-award winner Amelia Curran visits the NAC stage with 10 new tracks from her Spectators LP filled with her signature lyricism and genre-defying take on folk music. The album is a meditation on frailty and restlessness with devastating yet graceful love songs like San Andreas Fault. Not to be missed. Friday. nac-cna.ca

Grab a limo and head to the Rainbow

Judging by their just released music video for Bluff, filled with vintage-limos, jet-setters and beautiful flapper-fans, Little Stella's sense of fun melts into their music. Check out this catchy band at Rainbow Bistro Saturday night with the Gallop. Littlestellaband.com

Ready for a bicycle race?

Bicycle? Bicycle. Bicycle? If you want to ride your bicycle in style this weekend head over to Capital Velo Fest at City Hall this weekend. Check out the bike rodeo for demonstrations, workshops and entertainment in the afternoon or try a new bike and go for a spin with the leading bike retailers. Saturday and Sunday. capitalvelofest.ca

Concerts, stories and some cake

Head to the heart of the suburbs for free family fun at the Shenkman Arts Centre this Saturday and Sunday. The Orleans Festival showcases concerts, plays and storytellers on six indoor and outdoor stages. Experience the tastes and smells of the festival with an Iron Chef competition and cake decorating show. Orleansfestival.ca

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Good nutrition for man's best friend

Healthy diet. Select high-quality, reputable commercial food for your canine companion

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

Select a diet specific to your pet's needs to ensure it lives a healthy life. DEKLOFENAK/VEER

It's difficult watching your dog woefully begging for a few of your table scraps. While it might be tempting to scrape your plate into Fido's bowl, is it really a good idea?

"Dogs have distinct nutritional needs, different from humans," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association and a veterinarian with a specific expertise and interest in dog nutrition. "Studies show that after two or three months of eating food that is not specifically prepared or formulated for dogs, they become nutrient deficient."

In order to ensure your dog enjoys a healthy diet, here are a few things you should be considering when feeding your canine companion.

Feed your dog a balanced diet. All-meat diets, table scraps or dog foods that are not optimally formulated to meet a dog's nutritional needs are not the best choices. "Select a high-quality, reputable, commercial food for your dog," Curtin said. "They're formulated to ensure your dog receives all the valuable nutrients he can absorb."

Hard and soft foods are both good for your pet. According to Curtin, "both are good, and if your dog learns to eat both then neither will be strange or foreign." Some dog owners worry that canned food isn't good for their dog's teeth, but Curtin says otherwise. "Canned food doesn't cause dental disease any more than kibble. If you're looking for a food that helps the teeth, there are diets specifically formulated to clean them."

Select a diet specific to your pet's needs. Pick a formulation that works best for your dog's needs. "Work with your veterinarian to determine the best formulation for your dog based on his specific age, breed and health concerns," Curtin said.

How much is too much?

"If dog food is formulated by a reputable company, you can follow the guidelines on the packaging," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association. "Dog food companies have done feeding trials to ensure they know how much you should be giving your dog."

However, consider such things as your dog's age and lifestyle — if your pet is sedentary or older it may not need as much food.

MICHELLE WILLIAMS

Feed your dog at specific feeding times, don't just leave food down all the time. ANDRESR/VEER

Feeding time. Don't let Rover go overboard

Feeding your dog should be simple, so here are some easy ways you can optimize your pet's diet and lifestyle.

1 Don't leave the food down all the time. Just feed your dog at their specific feeding time. "Dogs won't self-regulate, which means they can end up eating too much and becoming obese," said Dr. Donna Curtin, an Ontario Veterinary Medical Association board member and veterinarian with a specific expertise and interest in dog nutrition.

2 Keep the water bowl clean. It's vital that your dog always has a ready supply of clean water. Be sure to top it up after your dog has been active or spent time outside in the summer heat. "This is especially true for little dogs, because it dilutes their urine and makes them less prone to urinary crystals, which form together to make bladder stones," Curtin said.

3 Watch the treats. "Dog treats are formulated to be given to your pet occasionally, so limit treats to once or twice daily," Curtin said. Filling up on treats may make your dog lose interest in its meals, so consider a game of fetch, a belly rub or a cuddle — your dog will love that just as much.

4 Get healthy together. Walk your dog at least once a day to keep your pet's heart, bones and muscles healthy and to help maintain a healthy weight. Just letting your dog out in the backyard won't ensure it gets the exercise it needs. Get out and walk, throw a ball or play a game of soccer together. "It's great pet bonding time, too," Curtin said. And keeping your dog active means you are exercising, too, which benefits you both. MICHELLE WILLIAMS

Maintaining a healthy weight

- You want to be sure your dog maintains a healthy weight — that means "you should be able to see your dog's 'waist' and you should easily be able to feel her ribs," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association. If not, you may reconsider what you feed your dog and how much you are feeding it. Don't forget that if your dog has weight challenges, it's also important to add more exercise to its routine.

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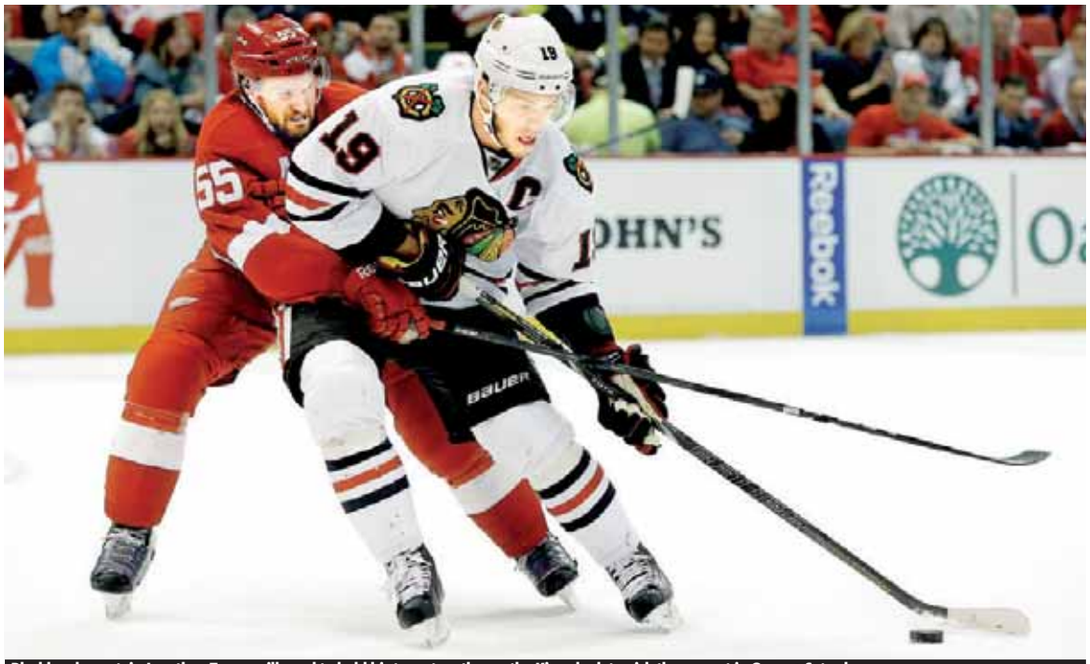

Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews will need to hold his team together as the Kings look to pick them apart in Game 1 Saturday. PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blackhawks back in Presidential form

NHL playoffs. Relentless squad starting to regain regular-season steam as they prepare to face the Kings Saturday at home

In case there were any doubts, the Chicago Blackhawks are showing they can be resilient as well as dominant.

They made it look easy in the regular season. But they had to dig deep in the playoffs.

The Blackhawks dug their way out of a 3-1 deficit in their Western Conference semifinal to take the series in seven games, beating the rival Detroit Red Wings 2-1 on Brent Seabrook's overtime goal Wednesday night.

They will now face the defending champion Los Angeles Kings in what could be another difficult series for a team eyeing its second Stanley Cup in four seasons. Game 1 of the conference finals is in Chicago on Saturday.

"It's not the way you want to win a series, going down three games to one," captain Jonathan Toews said. "But to come out on top given the situation we were in three games ago, it shows the character that we have on top of the ability and the potential.... We need to use the ability and the confidence this gives us."

No team made it look easier in the regular season than the Blackhawks, who got off to a record start and captured the Presidents' Trophy. But it's been a different story in the playoffs.

They came in looking for more after back-to-back first-round exits following their championship run in 2010. They took out Minnesota in five games and were looking good after a 4-1 win over Detroit in Game 1, but the series turned in a big way after that. The Blackhawks managed just two goals in Games 2 through 4 and found themselves facing elimination.

The team came back to outscore the Red Wings 10-5 over the final three games and became the 25th team to win a series after falling behind 3-1. It was the first time a Chicago team had done it.

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Vote of confidence

Defenceman Robyn Regehr agreed to a two-year, $6-million US contract extension with the Los Angeles Kings on Thursday, passing up a chance at free agency this summer.

- Regehr has appeared in just 12 regular-season games and 13 playoff contests with the Kings, who acquired him from the Sabres.

Blackhawks (1) vs. Kings (5)

Season series: Chicago 2-1. **Playoff History:** Chicago 1-0. **Last meeting:** Chicago 4-1 in 1974 quarter-finals.

How they got here: Chicago defeated No. 8 Minnesota 4-1; defeated No. 7 Detroit Red Wings 4-3. Los Angeles defeated No. 4 St. Louis 4-2; defeated No. 6 San Jose Sharks 4-3.

Outlook: The Kings needed 44 seasons to win the cup for the first time. It will take more than one to claim their second. Chicago regained momentum in its comeback vs. Detroit. Another trip to the final is theirs for the taking. **Blackhawks in 7.**

Game 1: Saturday, 5 p.m. (TSN).

Penguins (1) vs. Bruins (4)

Season series: Pittsburgh 3-0. **Playoff history:** Series tied 2-2. **Last meeting:** Pittsburgh 4-0 in 1992 Wales Conference finals.

How they got here: Pittsburgh defeated No. 8 New York Islanders 4-2; defeated No. 7 Ottawa Senators 4-1. Boston defeated No. 5 Toronto 4-3; defeated No. 6 New York Rangers 4-1.

Outlook: The Pens earned the top seed in the East for a reason. Although the Bruins are playing well, and it should be close, Pittsburgh has enough weapons to advance to the Stanley Cup final. **Penguins in 7.**

Game 1: Saturday, 8 p.m. (CBC).

2014 Olympics

Billions in Sochi money stolen by officials: Critic

Russian officials and businessmen have stolen billions of dollars during the years of preparations for the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, a prominent Russian opposition figure claimed Thursday.

Boris Nemtsov, a former Russian deputy prime minister turned Kremlin critic, and an associate said in a report released Thursday that up to $30 billion US was stolen in the run-up to the games in the southern Russian city.

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French Open

Djokovic devours Pella to line up rival Dimitrov

Novak Djokovic took care of Argentina's Guido Pella.

His next match in the third round of the French Open won't be as easy.

The top-ranked Djokovic brushed aside Pella 6-2, 6-0, 6-2 on Thursday to line up Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria.

The same Dimitrov who beat him this month in the second round of the Madrid Open, 7-6 (6), 6-7 (8), 6-3. That was Dimitrov's biggest win. He also took a set off Rafael Nadal in the quarter-finals of the Monte Carlo Masters last month.

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MLB

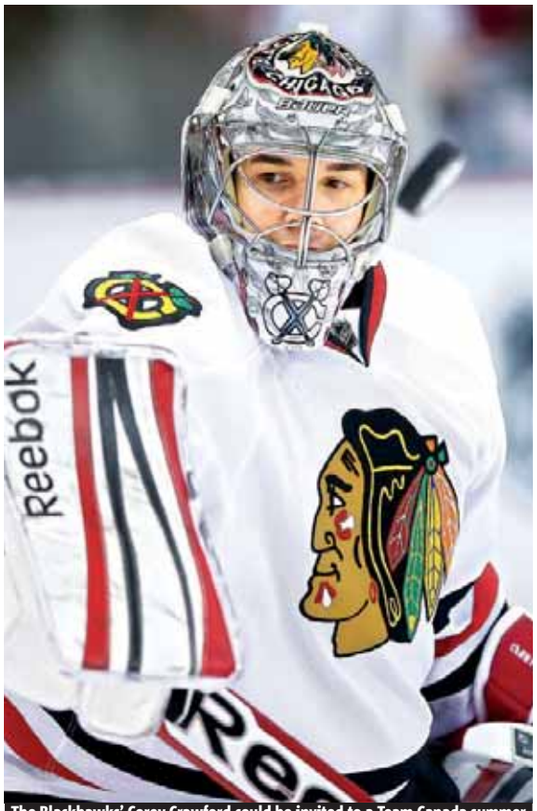
Grimm fairy tale continues against Diamondbacks

Justin Grimm joined the Texas rotation as a stopgap.

The rookie right-hander pitched more like an ace Thursday.

Mitch Moreland hit a two-run homer and Grimm took a shutout into the sixth inning to help the Rangers snap their first three-game losing streak of the season with a 9-5 interleague victory against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Thursday.

Grimm (5-3) allowed four hits through five innings while Texas cooled off Arizona starter Brandon McCarthy on the way to a 9-0 lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


The Blackhawks' Corey Crawford could be invited to a Team Canada summer camp in advance of the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Yzerman considers copying European goalie factories

Gearing up for 2014 Winter Olympics.
GM of Team Canada looking for ways to shore up Canada's netminding future

Steve Yzerman — Team Canada's general manager for the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics — stopped short of calling the situation with Canadian goaltending a crisis, but he agreed that something needs to be done to shore up Canada's netminding.

His idea: Copy what European countries are doing.

"It's definitely worth looking into," said Yzerman. "Look at Sweden, Finland — small countries seem to be producing goalies. We should be studying what they are doing. Why (do they have) so many goalies? Their techniques. Their system. We should look at it to try to get better.

"We have to. (If) you always do the same thing over and over, you're going to get passed by. It definitely should be considered.

"Not just goaltending, but everything. These international events, we want to win them. It's unrealistic to expect we're going to win them every time. We have to deal with that. That forces us to look at all these things: Is there a better way to do it? Everybody else has gotten better. We've got to figure out a way to get even, or get ahead again."

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'It's cyclical'

Steve Yzerman did not speculate which goalies would be invited to a possible Olympic summer camp but it sounds like Corey Crawford has moved into contention along with the usual suspects of Carey Price, Roberto Luongo, Mike Smith and Cam Ward.

- "Everything goes in cycles," said Yzerman. "There's a lot of Canadian goaltenders, it's a little bit in transition, at all levels, not just the NHL."
- "You're watching Corey Crawford emerging. (Halifax Moosehead Zach) Fucale is coming. They're coming. It's cyclical."

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Reebok-CCM Hockey signs top-3 prospects

Seth Jones, Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin, seen as the top-three prospects in the 2013 NHL draft, have signed with Reebok-CCM Hockey.

The formal announcement was made Thursday night at the Toronto-area hotel where the top prospects are staying for this week's NHL combine.

Jones, a defenceman from Frisco, Texas, who plays for the Portland Winterhawks, is ranked No. 1 in the Central Scouting rankings.

MacKinnon and Drouin are teammates on the Memorial Cup champion Halifax Mooseheads, with Central Scouting ranking MacKinnon No. 2 and Drouin No. 3.

The three join the likes of Sidney Crosby, John Tavares and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins at Reebok-CCM.

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Julien says dah to soccer sojourn

Christina Julien is back in Canada preparing for this Sunday's friendly against the U.S. in Toronto after playing for WFC Rossiyanka in Russia. JOERN POLLEX/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Eastern promise. Striker returns from Russian club to help Canada take on rival United States

Christina Julien is one of a select few Canadians whose soccer skills led them to Russia.

Veteran men's defender Ante Jazic spent time with Kuban Krasnodar before signing with the MLS Los Angeles Galaxy. And some prospects like Joseph Dichiara have earned contracts.

Julien's time with WFC Rossiyanka stands out on a Canadian national team whose players are largely spread around the National Women's Soccer League in the U.S.

"It's been an experience, that's for sure," the 25-year-old from Cornwall said with a smile. "There's been a lot of ups and downs.

"It's such a privilege to be able to go to Russia and live there and just experience their lifestyle. You take the good with the bad, you get that experience while you're there."

Julien, an alternate with the Canadian team at the London Olympics, is back in camp with Canada preparing for Sunday's sold-out friendly with the U.S. at BMO Field in Toronto.

It's the first time the two North American rivals have met since the top-ranked Americans defeated No. 7 Canada 4-3 after extra time in last year's thrilling Olympic semi-final.

Julien is clearly up for anything, as per her Twitter bio: "Olympian, Team Canada Soccer #10, Professional Athlete, World Traveller, & Lover. Who knows?"

That sense of adventure landed her in Russia in March, after being at the Cyprus Cup with Canada. Her agent got her a tryout at the club, which was looking to beef up its roster ahead of the quarter-finals of the Women's Champions League.

Julien had been sidelined by injury so she was looking to get back in action. She went to Russia and impressed the club, earning a contract.

Julien saw action in eight games including both legs of the 4-1 aggregate loss to Germany's Wolfsburg, which went on to win the final 1-0 over France's Lyon.

"It's really good football," said Julien. "They were training on a daily basis."

The team was based about 45 minutes outside Moscow — "or three hours with traffic," she said with a laugh.

Her Russian team has three games left in its season, but two take place while she's on duty with Canada so Julien isn't sure if she will be back.

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From Canada with love

"I was blown away. No expectations going in. It's one of the most gorgeous cities I've ever seen."

Canada's Christina Julien on Moscow, where she lived while playing for WFC Rossiyanka

St. Petersburg

Putin speaks up for wrestling

Russian President Vladimir Putin reiterated his support for wrestling remaining in the Olympics after the Rio de Janeiro Games.

Wrestling was "one of the fundamental sports" of the Olympics, Putin told International Olympic Committee members at a lunch in St. Petersburg on Thursday.

The Olympic movement, Putin said standing next to IOC president Jacques Rogge, "was based always on their ancient-times tradition, and wrestling, as we know, is one of the fundamental sports, traditional for the Olympic games."

His comments came one day after the IOC executive board included wrestling on a shortlist for the 2020 Games, along with squash and baseball-softball.

A final decision will be made in September in Buenos Aires.

Russia is one of wrestling's powerhouses; Russia and the Soviet Union have 77 Olympic gold medals in wrestling.

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NCAA. Cross-section of Penn State community joins in Paternos' lawsuit

From former players to faculty members, a mini-cross section of the Penn State community has partnered with the late head coach Joe Paterno's family in suing the NCAA to overturn the landmark sanctions against the school for the Jerry Sandusky child sex-abuse scandal.

While the Paternos are the headliners among the plaintiffs in the civil suit filed Thursday in Centre County court, 19 others with ties to Penn State are also seeking a jury trial to reverse what they call the NCAA's swift and unlawful punishment of the storied football program.

Paul Kelly, an attorney representing trustees, faculty, and former players and coaches, said the action related to the impact on "the entire Penn State community."

"I would say the overwhelming majority of the complaints and the facts really relate to ... due process, and the fairness and actions of the NCAA," Kelly said in a phone interview. "It's much broader than (the Paterno family's claims) and I hope people realize that."

Therefore, Kelly said, his clients had no other choice but to turn to the courts "since the NCAA acted in an area in which it had no authority, failed to follow its own rules, forcibly imposed an onerous result on innocent parties" and refused to recognize appeal efforts.

Penn State coach Joe Paterno died in January 2012. GETTY IMAGES FILE

In Irving, Texas, NCAA president Mark Emmert — named as a defendant in the lawsuit — said he had not reviewed the filing and declined comment Thursday on individual cases. He spoke to reporters after addressing Big 12 Conference presidents and athletic directors during their spring meeting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) VS. BOSTON (4)

Saturday's game
Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Monday's game
Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Wednesday's game
Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.
Friday's game
Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Tuesday's game
x-Pittsburgh at Boston, TBD
Wednesday's game
x-Boston at Pittsburgh, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)

Saturday's game
Los Angeles at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Sunday's game
Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Tuesday's game
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Thursday's game
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Monday's game
x-Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Wednesday's game
x-Los Angeles at Chicago, TBD
x — played only if necessary.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS INDIANA (3)

(Series tied 2-2)
Thursday's result
Indiana at Miami

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (2) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(San Antonio wins 4-0)

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	22	.593	—
New York	30	22	.577	1
Baltimore	29	24	.547	2½
Tampa Bay	28	24	.538	3
Toronto	23	30	.434	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	22	.569	—
Cleveland	28	24	.538	1½
Chicago	24	27	.471	5
Minnesota	22	28	.440	6½
Kansas City	21	29	.420	7½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	33	20	.623	—
Oakland	31	24	.564	3
Los Angeles	24	29	.453	9
Seattle	23	31	.426	10½
Houston	16	37	.302	17

Thursday's results
Texas 9 Arizona 5
Washington at Baltimore
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees
Cincinnati at Cleveland
Milwaukee at Minnesota
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels
Wednesday's results
Baltimore 9 Washington 6
N.Y. Mets 9 N.Y. Yankees 4
Cleveland 5 Cincinnati 2
Arizona at Texas, postponed
Minnesota 4 Milwaukee 1
L.A. Angels 4 L.A. Dodgers 3
Friday's games
All times Eastern
Detroit (Scherzer 7-0) at Baltimore (Gonzalez 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Moore 8-0) at Cleveland (Kluber 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 6-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Davis 3-4) at Texas (Holland 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Iwakuma 5-1) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 3-5), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 3-3) at Oakland (Colon 5-2), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	31	21	.596	—
Washington	27	26	.509	4½
Philadelphia	26	27	.491	5½
New York	21	29	.420	9
Miami	13	40	.245	18½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	35	17	.673	—
Cincinnati	33	20	.623	2½
Pittsburgh	33	20	.623	2½
Chicago	22	30	.423	13
Milwaukee	19	32	.373	15½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	30	23	.566	—
San Francisco	29	25	.537	1½
Colorado	28	25	.528	2
San Diego	24	29	.453	6
Los Angeles	22	29	.431	7

Thursday's results
Chicago Cubs 8 Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 7 San Diego 1
San Francisco 5 Oakland 2
Boston at Philadelphia
Detroit at Pittsburgh
Toronto at Atlanta
Tampa Bay at Miami
Kansas City at St. Louis
Houston at Colorado
Wednesday's results
Chicago Cubs 9 Chicago White Sox 3
Philadelphia 4 Boston 3
Pittsburgh 5 Detroit 3
Toronto 3 Atlanta 0
Tampa Bay 3 Miami 1
St. Louis 5 Kansas City 3
Houston 6 Colorado 3
San Diego 3 Seattle 2 (10)
Oakland 9 San Francisco 6
Friday's games — All times Eastern
Arizona (Miley 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 3-5) at Philadelphia (Hamels 1-8), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Rodriguez 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Marcum 0-5) at Miami (Turner 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 3-5) at Atlanta (Teheran 3-1), 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco (Cain 4-2) at St. Louis (Miller 5-3), 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-3) at Colorado (Garland 3-6), 8:40 p.m.
Toronto (Jenkins 1-0) at San Diego (Marquis 6-2), 10:10 p.m.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will be in a social mood today and you are advised to get whatever obligations you have out of the way quickly so you can focus on more interesting things — and people. Friends are fun, and so are you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It may feel as if your life is in limbo but don't worry about it. You will soon be moving in the right direction. The road may at times be tough but you're tough enough to walk it.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you let people know what it is you are planning, you make it easier for them to compete with you, so keep it to yourself for the time being. Knowledge is power and power is not something you just give away.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you focus on negative thoughts then, inevitably, you will get negative results. As Mars moves into the most sensitive area of your chart today, you must be positive in every possible way.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You are in an aggressive mood and it's likely that someone you encounter today will bring out the worst in you. Try to remember though that not everyone is your enemy.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
As Mars moves into the career area of your chart today, you may find yourself looking over your shoulder more often than you should. "Enemies" cannot do anything to hurt you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
No matter how many little things may have gone wrong, big things are still going well and will continue to move in your favour. The world is a wonderful place — and getting better by the minute.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Focus on the good things in life. According to the planets, you can't do a thing wrong at the moment — and even if you do, Mercury will help you talk your way out of it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your luck seems to be in at the moment and you would not be human if you did not take advantage of it. Don't listen to those who say it is immoral to succeed while others fail.

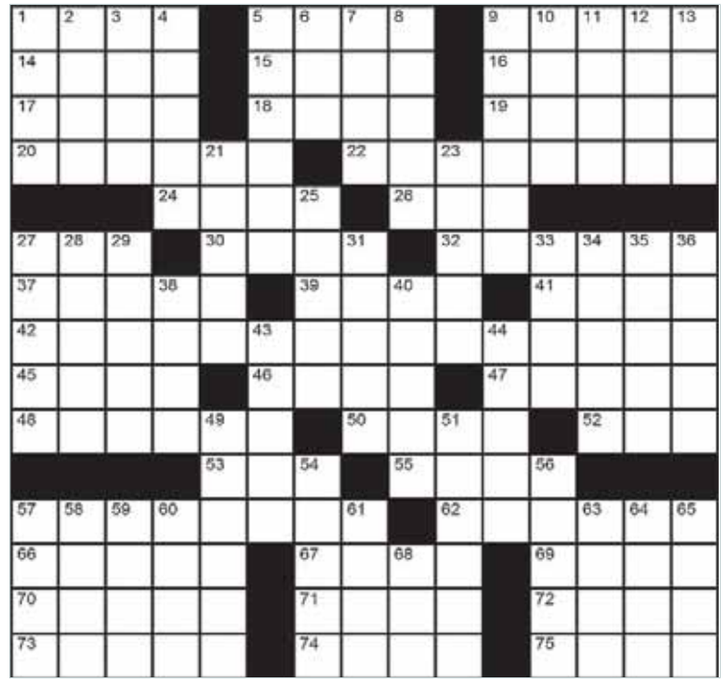
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Look at the world and see what a wonderful place it is. With a little bit of optimism, you can achieve some extraordinary things. What might you achieve with a lot?

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Find ways to combine words and actions. With Mars, planet of energy, moving in your favour there is nothing you cannot do if you put your mind to it. And there's the only problem: you seem distracted.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If someone gives you a tough time today, you must take them on. If you let them get away with saying untrue things, they will take it as a sign of weakness. Stand up for yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

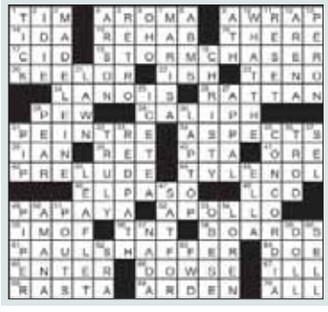
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Chatters
5. "Ah, me."
9. Bedding linen
14 Rush, office-style
15. Do some road-work
16. Mr. Pig
17. Fodder holder
18. Ransack
19. Boring tool
20. The Rachel, in the 1990s, for one
22. Alberta's provincial flower: 2 wds.
24. Office fill-in worker
26. Scottish negative
27. Cave's ceiling clinger
30. "Want to make __?"
32. __ and bass (Stereo knobs)
37. Like the potatoes in the pot
39. Scooby's sniffer
41. Alex Rodriguez, to baseball fans
42. k.d. lang hit: 2 wds.
45. Cooking show appliance
46. Swerve
47. Slim spot to sit on
48. Get comfy
50. Shania Twain's ex-hubby Mr. Lange
52. R's spelled-out follower
53. Ceramics, for example
55. Bar beverage
57. Ontario hometown of The Tragically Hip
62. Typos
66. "Chasing Pavements" songstress
67. Charlize Theron movie, "__ Flux" (2005)
69. Exuberance
70. Happen again
71. Beach volleyball surface
72. Birthday dessert
73. The Great __
74. Cafeteria carrier
75. Understood

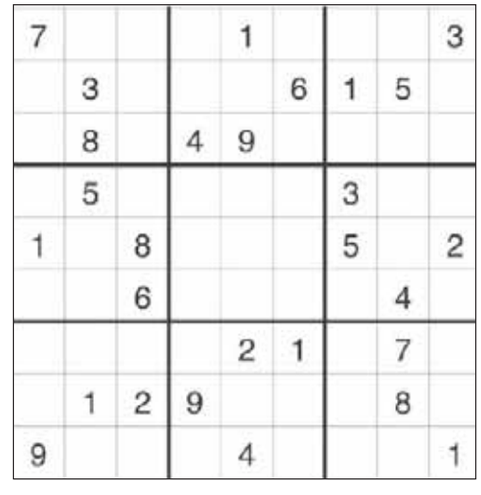
Down
1. Large cut
2. "Heat of the Moment" band
3. Island of Indonesia
4. Football, for example
5. Poise
6. Philosopher, __-tzu
7. Profess
8. __ stone (Cannot be changed): 2 wds.
9. "Boston Legal" actor James
10. "This __ Has 22 Minutes" on CBC
11. Thus
12. __ out a living
13. Ancient port of Lebanon
21. Gave out
23. Afterwards
25. Short-tubed pasta
27. John Candy comedy, "Canadian __" (1995)
28. Over
29. Hues
31. __ pole
33. Roof part
34. Wedding gown wearer
35. Yearns
36. Boundaries
38. "__ She Lovely" by Stevie Wonder
40. Surgeon's pre-surgery cleanse
43. Deflect
44. Vary
49. Cosmetic surgery tools
51. Like followers of fads
54. Wedding reception salute
56. Sunken ship
57. Communist, __ Marx
58. Brain wave
59. Spot for some jewelry
60. Sticky stuff
61. By
63. The __ Parsons Project
64. __ 1, as per movie scene filming
65. From the start again
68. "__ _ Carousel" by The Hollies

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	8	3	5	9	4	2	7
4	5	9	7	2	6	3	1	8
7	2	3	4	1	8	9	6	5
2	7	5	9	8	1	6	3	4
3	9	6	5	7	4	2	8	1
8	4	1	2	6	3	7	5	9
6	1	7	8	9	2	5	4	3
9	8	4	6	3	5	1	7	2
5	3	2	1	4	7	8	9	6

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